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THE SERIAL KILLER IS LURKING AMONG THE PRIEST!

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Summary of the Previous Volume

Metropolitan Police First Investigation Division Police Sergeant Hisashi Sawamura (32) was in pursuit of the culprit of the Lay Judge Abnormal Serial Murders, in which five people have been murdered who served as lay judges in a certain murder trial which handed down a death penalty. In order to rescue his wife, who voted for the death penalty in that same trial, Sawamura chased after the man in the frog mask, who had abducted both his wife and son...but the culprit slipped away by a hair. However, Sawamura caught up with the culprit once again with the assistance of his junior officer Nishino. As though mocking Sawamura, the "Devilish Frog Man" took Nishino hostage and let him drop from the roof of the building. And then...!!!

NO STOP!!
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KOFF
KOFF

BE

Sempai.
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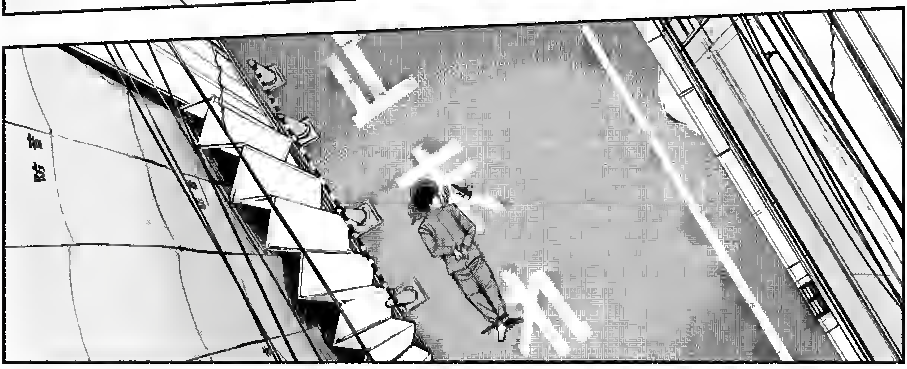
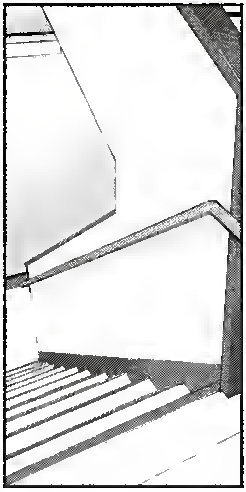
CREAK
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
KA-CHAK
NISHINOOO!!
THUNK



Nishi...

*West Tsurumi Hospital



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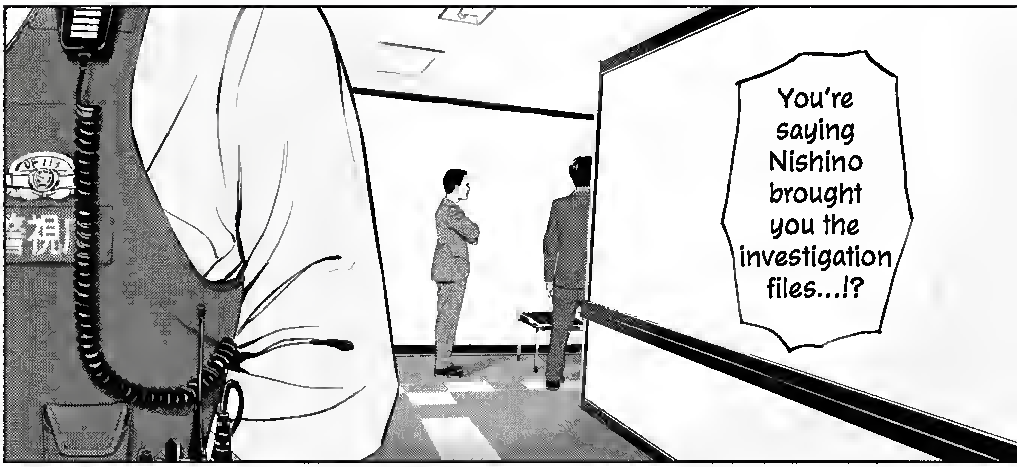

You're saying Nishino brought you the investigation files...!?

...Yeah.

GRAB

That's right... I asked him to.

I said enough!
Just because you always have to have it your way, you...!
Hey, enough—
You goddamn idiot!
You should have stayed at home like you were told!
YANK

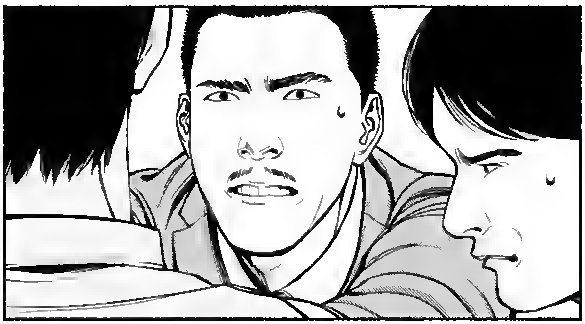
If only I hadn't called Nishino...

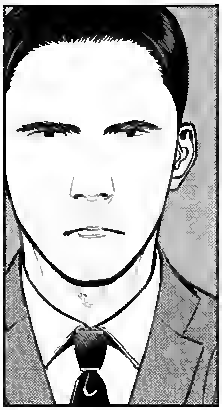
... He's completely right.

Maybe now, he would be...

...I got Nishino killed.

...
Why did the suspect show himself to you two?



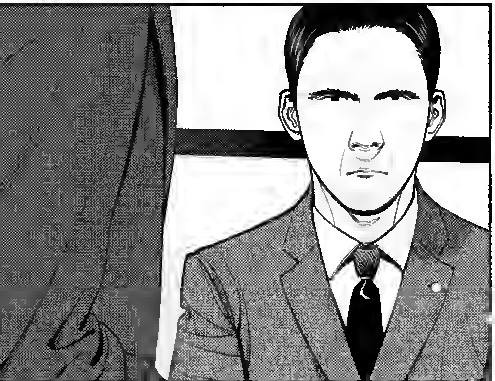


ドス
PLOP

...
Seems to me you'd have some guess...
I exchanged words with the perp...
His actions were never for revenge.
And Ohashi was never guilty...
...!
What ...?!
He's a lust killer who considers himself an artist.
He himself referred to the crimes he committed as his *pieces*.

He harboured a grudge against the lay judges who falsely attributed his murders to Ohashi.
So he made them into more of his pieces.

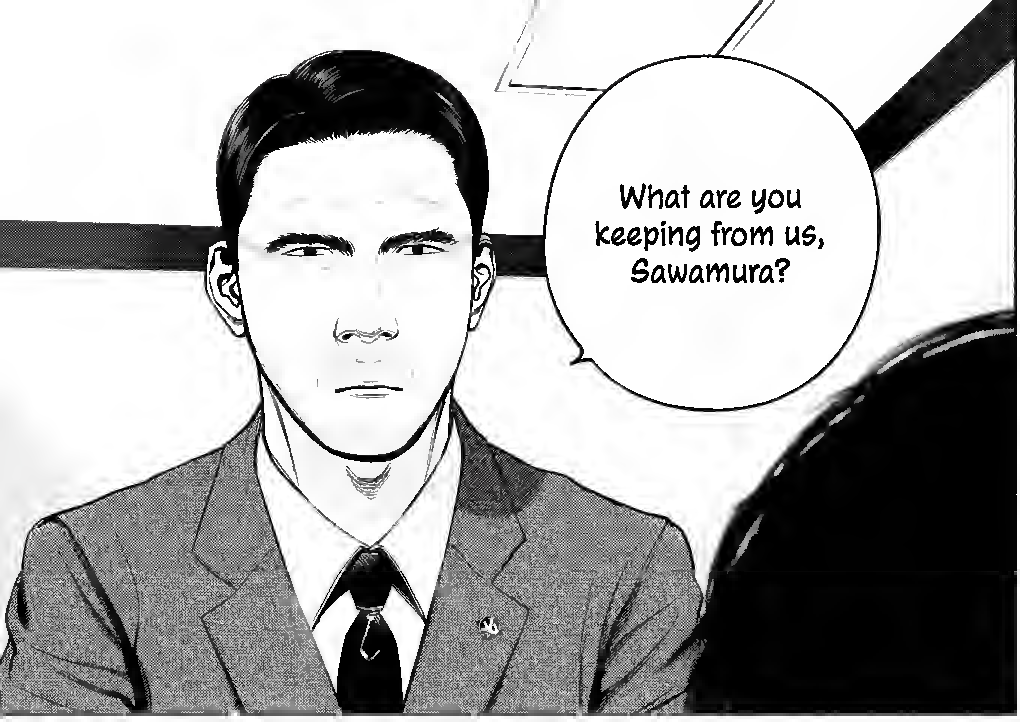
Inspector ...!



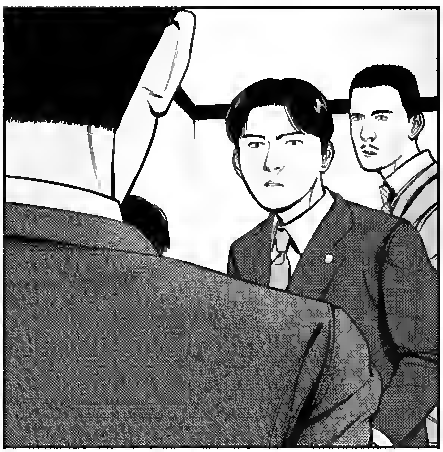
What did you say?!
No way! That can't be...

No... nothing in particular ...
... Anything else?

I can't help but come to that conclusion...
...
It's not that the suspect showed himself to you and Nishino.
But rather to you specifically...


What are you keeping from us, Sawamura?

I'm relieved to see you're doing well.

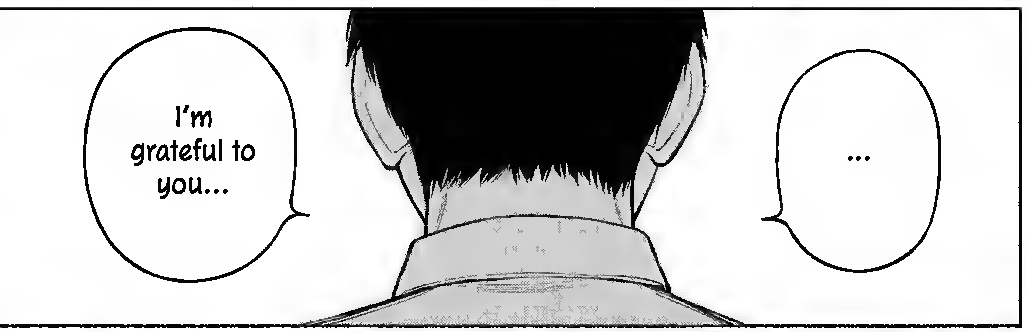


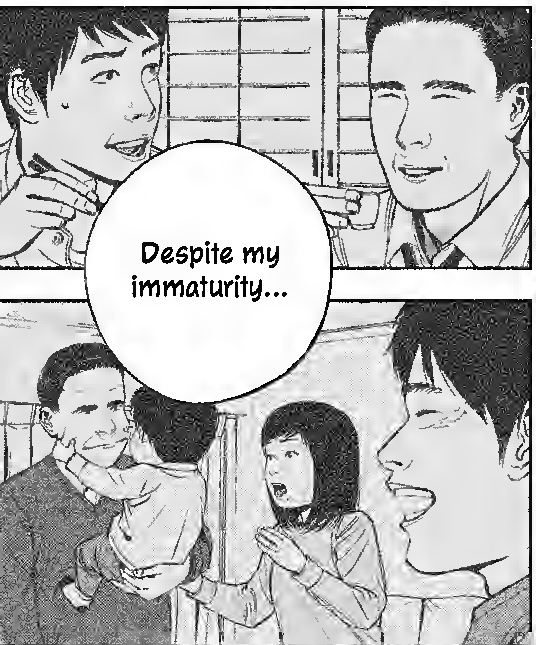
I need you, you see...
I'll come for you another time, Detective Sawamura...

...
No, I'm not... hiding anything.
Sawamura!
...
TUMP

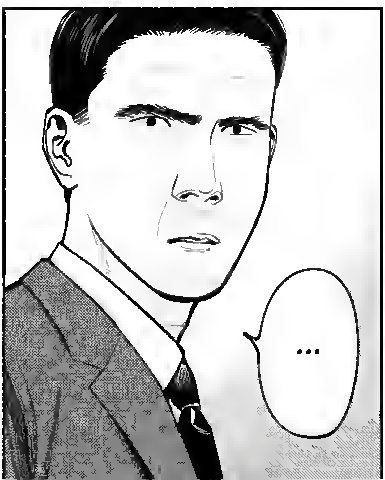
Right...
I'm to transport you to HQ.
You've got the top brass flipping their lids!
CLATTER
...
However, I understand your feelings all too well.
The actions you've taken are unbecoming of an officer.

There's no need to be completely honest.
Aside from us, you shouldn't tell anyone else about the files you took...
Seki-san.


...
I'm grateful to you...


Despite my immaturity...

For your patience in training me...



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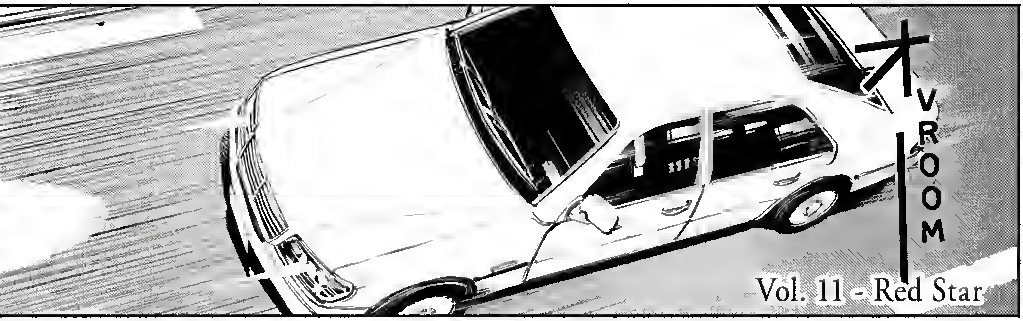
How much longer till we reach HQ?
7" VROOR
RUMBLE
30になっても
貴重の旅は
まだ終わらないよ…


オ VROOM
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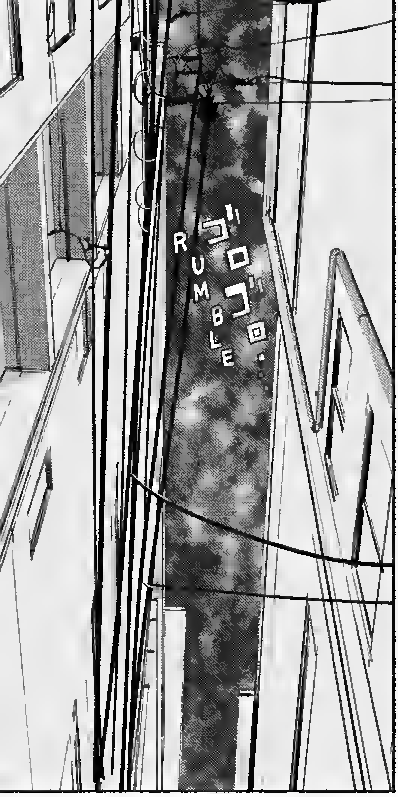
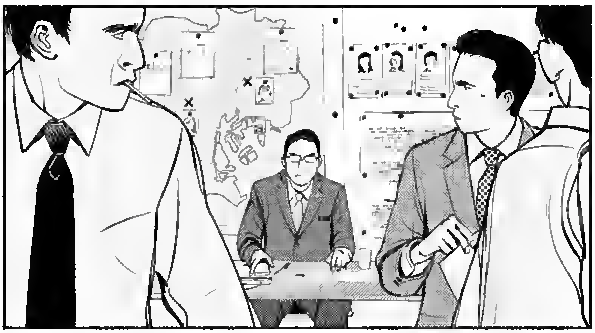
Guess I'm screwed.
Hm?

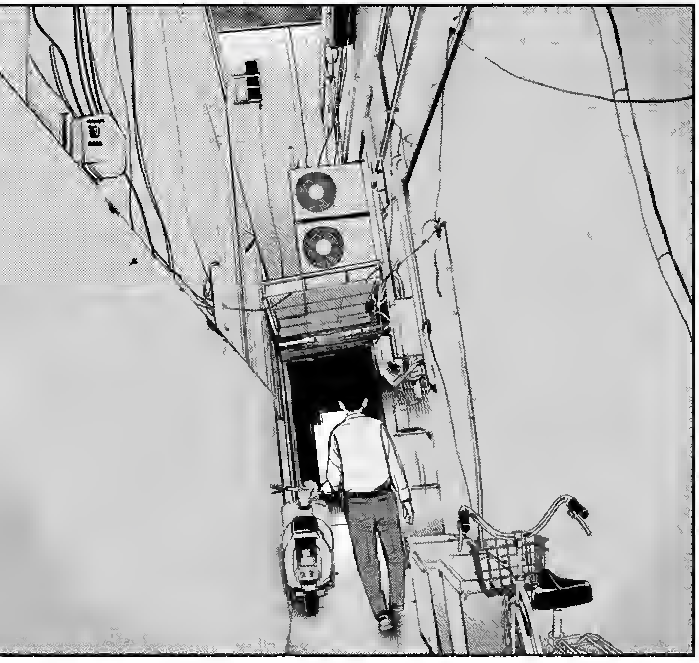
30 to 40 minutes... give or take.
...

What kind of brainless bullshit am I hearing?!
Lay Judge Serial Murder Case
BAM
But we didn't think he'd slip away from us!
Sawamura was complaining of a stomach-ache, so...
I'm very sorry...!
CLACK
カチャッ
I don't need your excuses! Get out there and find him this instant, you idiot!
LOTION
STATION


RUMBLE
ゴロゴロ



Damn it. What the devil are you up to, Sawamura ...!
...



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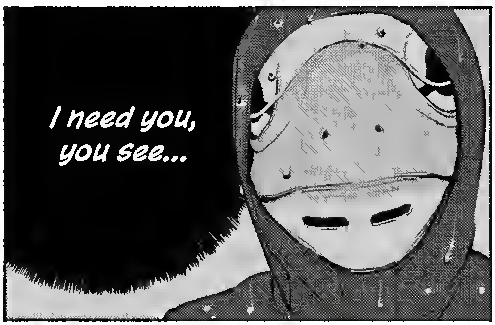
武蔵
2F
FUJI
GIWA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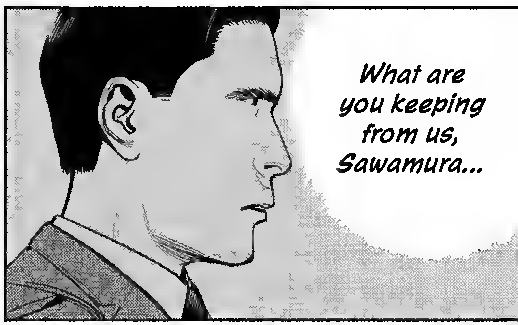
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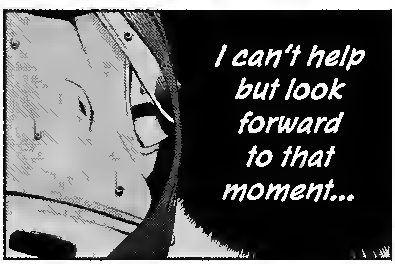
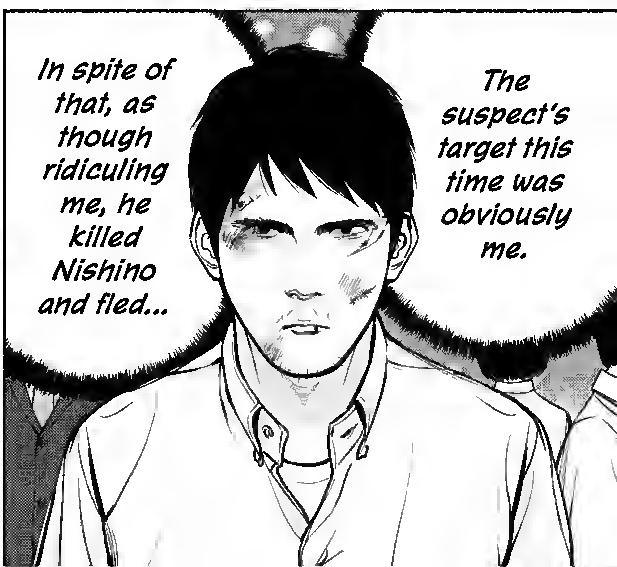
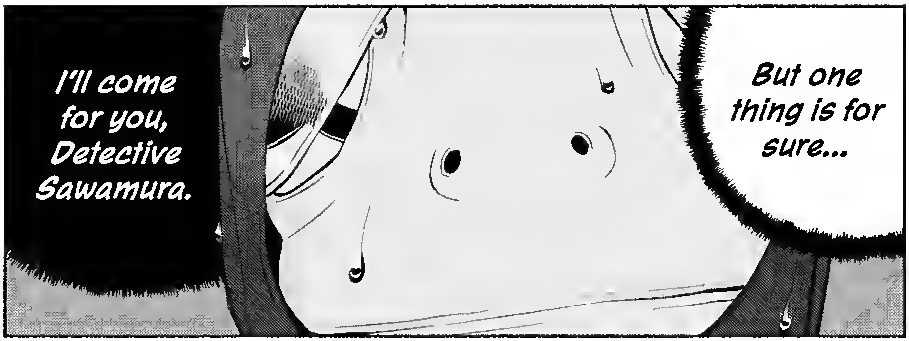
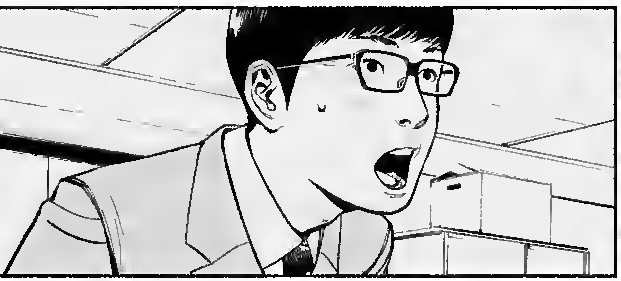

I can't help but look forward to that moment...

There's no telling what he's planning...


In spite of that, as though ridiculing me, he killed Nishino and fled...
The suspect's target this time was obviously me.


I'll come for you, Detective Sawamura.
But one thing is for sure...

Without a doubt, he'll show his face again...!



I won't let the police have him!

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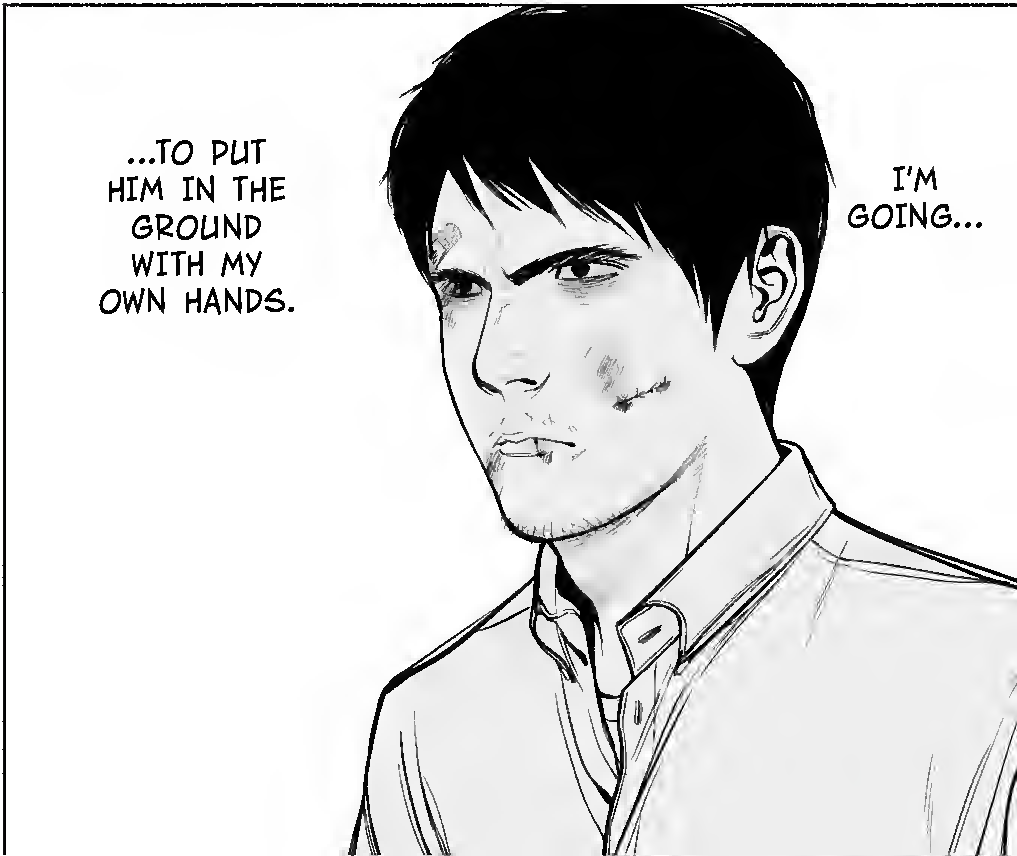
HARUKA...
SHOUTA...

NISHINO...


...TO PUT HIM IN THE GROUND WITH MY OWN HANDS.
I'M GOING...

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CLAK
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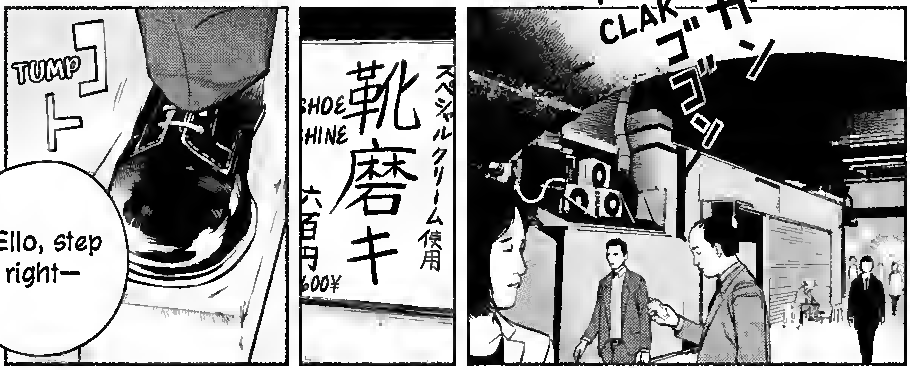
自転車を除く
OK


TUMP
'Ello, step right—
SHOE SHINE
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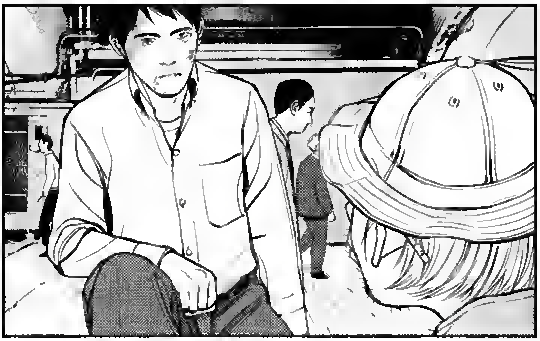
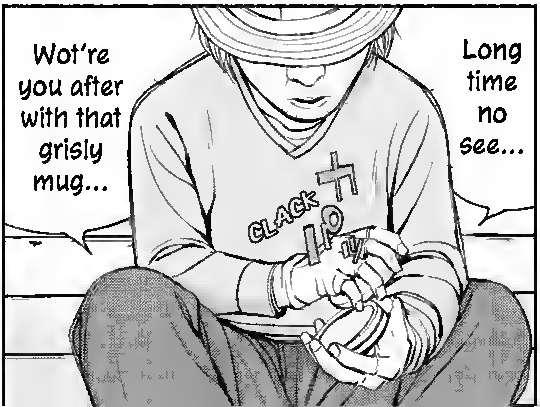
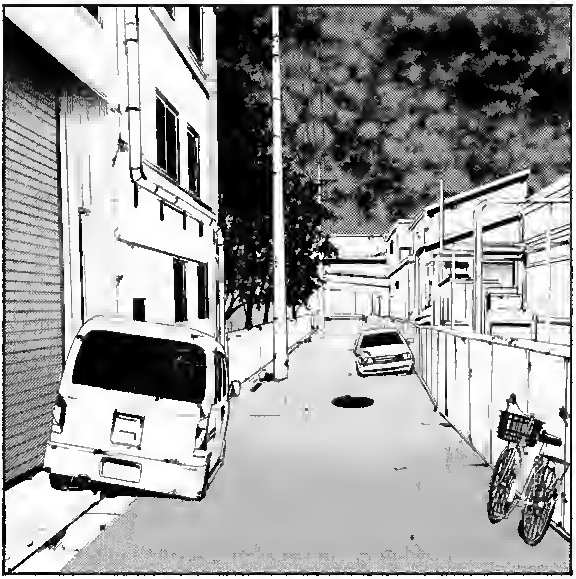


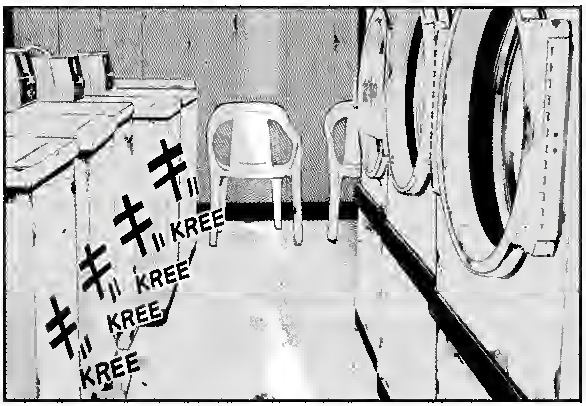

Wot're you after with that grisly mug...
Long time no see...
CLACK
カ

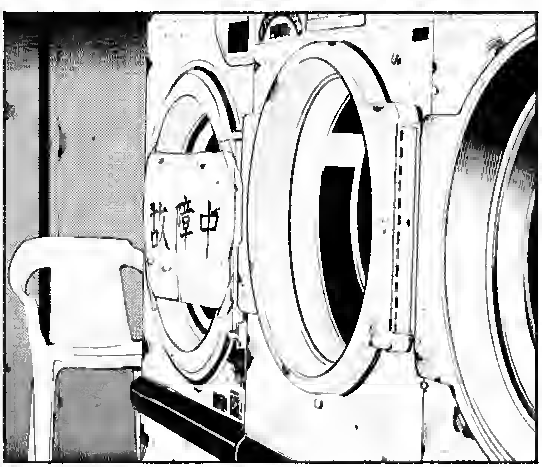
I need a tool...
...
This un's quite a packet.
FLAP
Can you get it for me?
...
A tool ...?
...
I'm asking you if you can do it or not.
Every now and then I do get a feller with a request like yours...
SNIFF
SNIFF
Bituva shocker to hear it from a copper like yourself though.
I'm not here to chitchat.

But since you need it straight away... you after a Red Star?
The best you've got.
KA-CLAK
SCRITCH
I'll arrange it...
KA-CLAK
SLIDE
Well, shit. Seeing as I owe ya a life debt, I can't possibly say no.
FLICK
Be there at this time, on the dot.
RRRIP
KA-CLAK
Inside on the right corner.
スペシャルクリーム使用



*Beware of purse-snatchers





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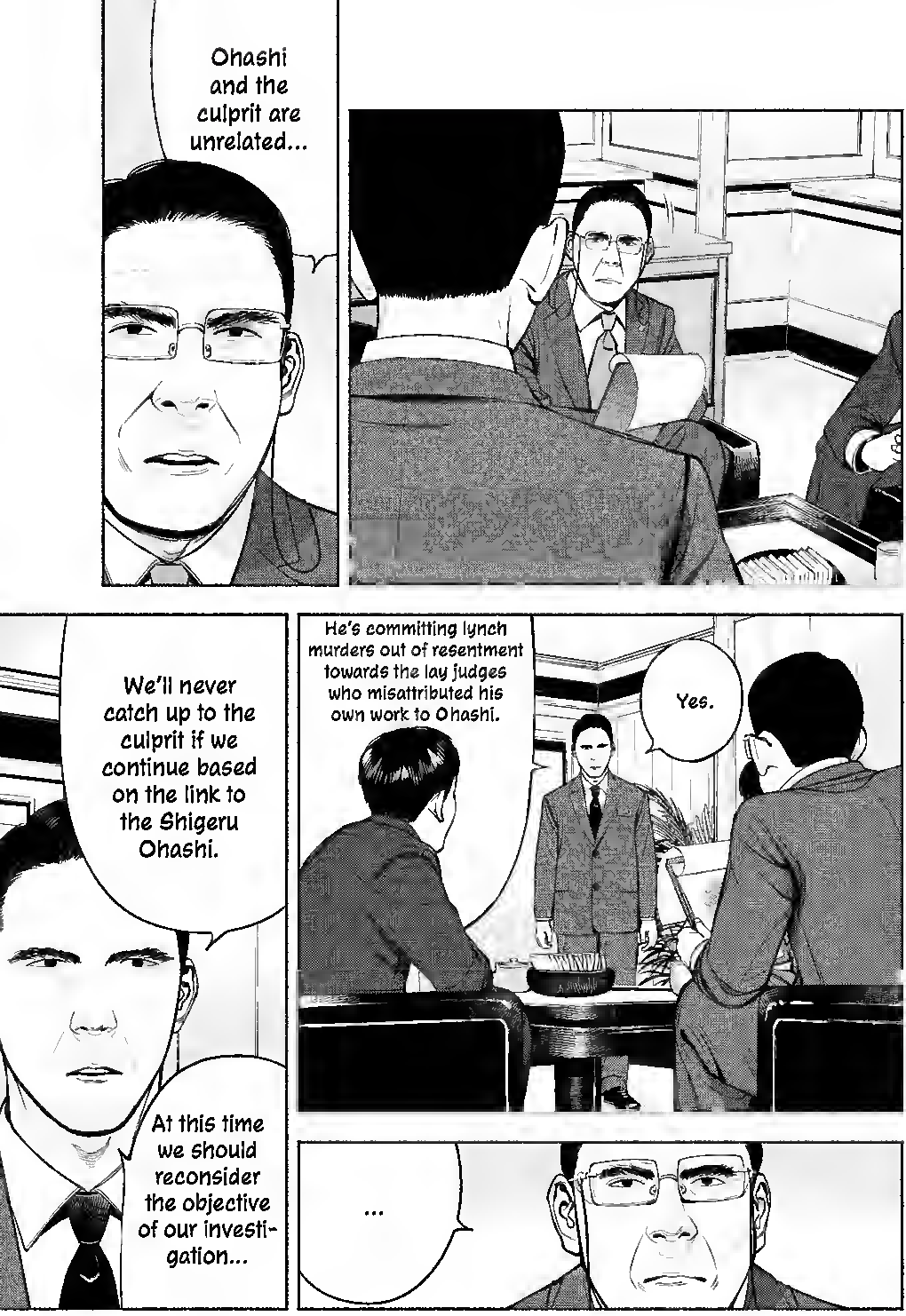
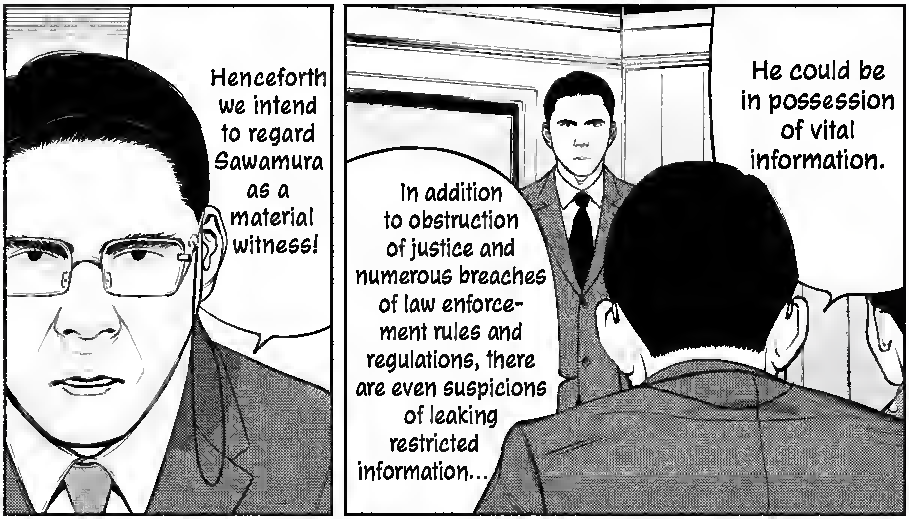
*OUT OF ORDER

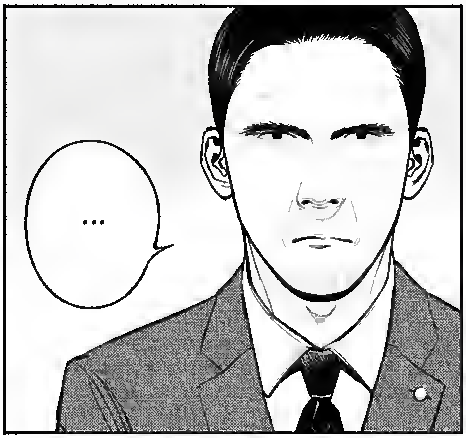
In other words...


Ohashi and the culprit are unrelated...
He's committing lynch murders out of resentment towards the lay judges who misattributed his own work to Ohashi.
Yes.
We'll never catch up to the culprit if we continue based on the link to the Shigeru Ohashi.
At this time we should reconsider the objective of our investigation...
...

What are your thoughts, Chief Okabe?
I can't deny I have concerns that the suspect spun a fabrication with the purpose of rerailing the investigation.
In this matter we should approach each and every possibility with caution.
He only told us after confirming it himself!
Don't make me laugh!
Sawamura is an outstanding detective...!
He's not a man who would be taken in by a suspect's lies.

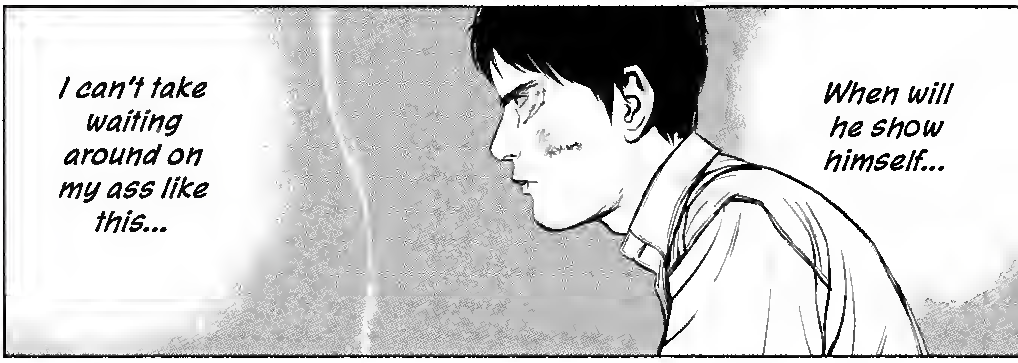
Still... this and that are not...
Even you must have heard that by now.
That outstanding detective of yours is currently on the lam!

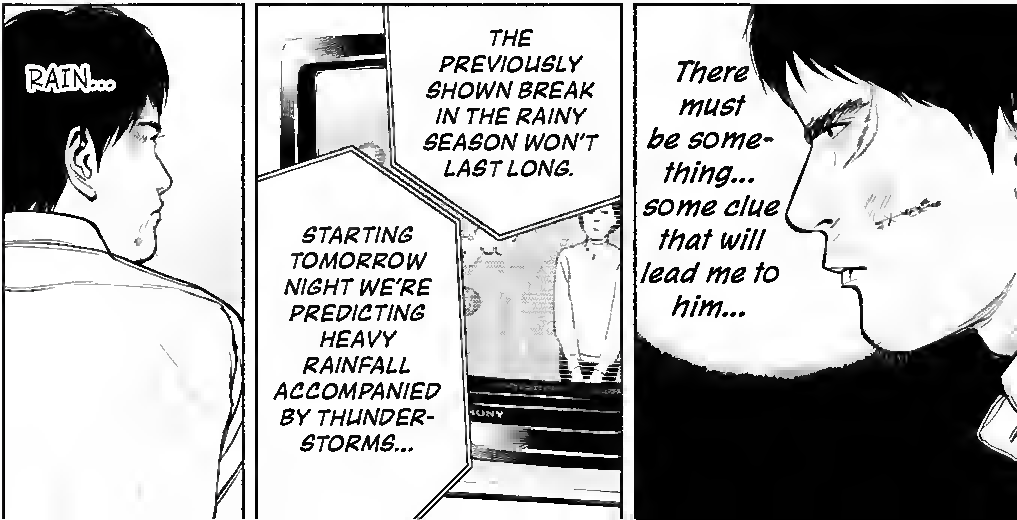

Henceforth we intend to regard Sawamura as a material witness!
He could be in possession of vital information.
In addition to obstruction of justice and numerous breaches of law enforcement rules and regulations, there are even suspicions of leaking restricted information...



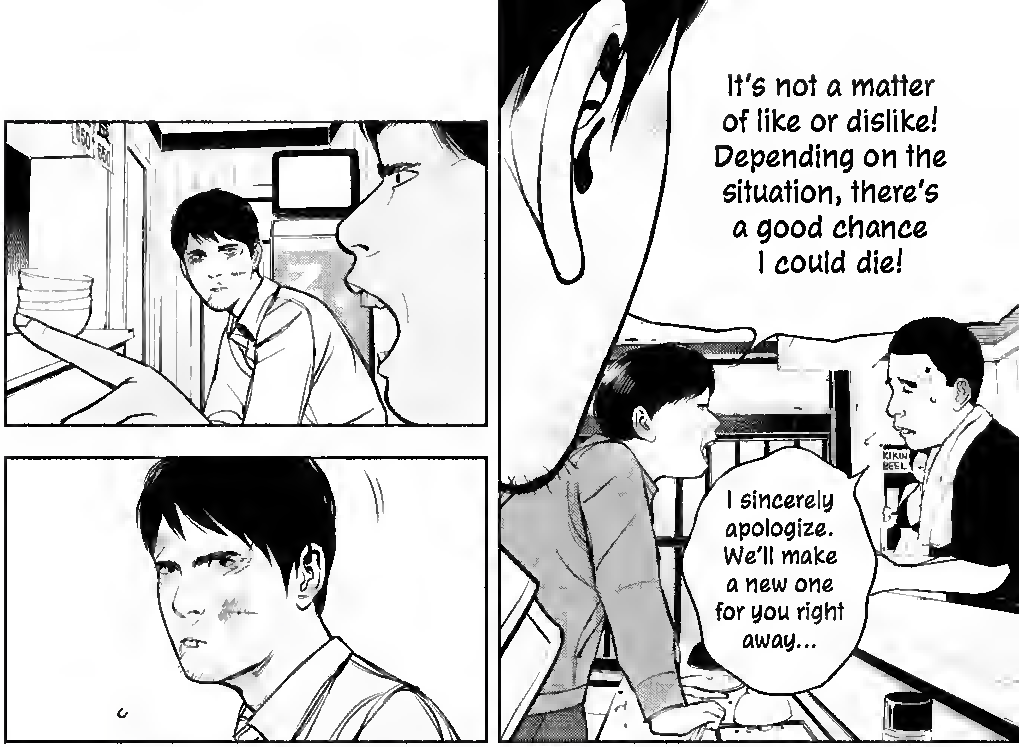
*Namamugi Snack Bar

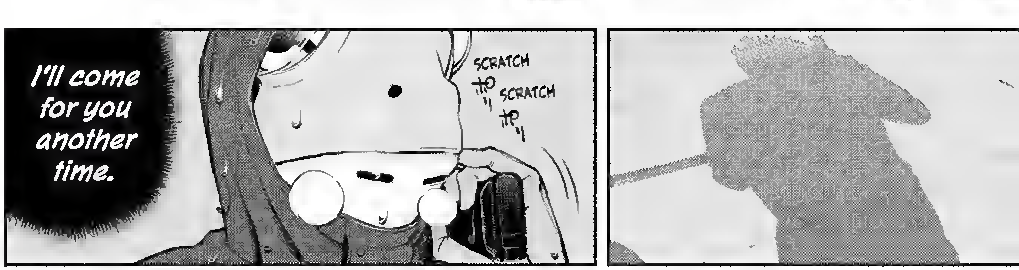
LET'S CONTINUE WITH THE WEATHER UPDATE...

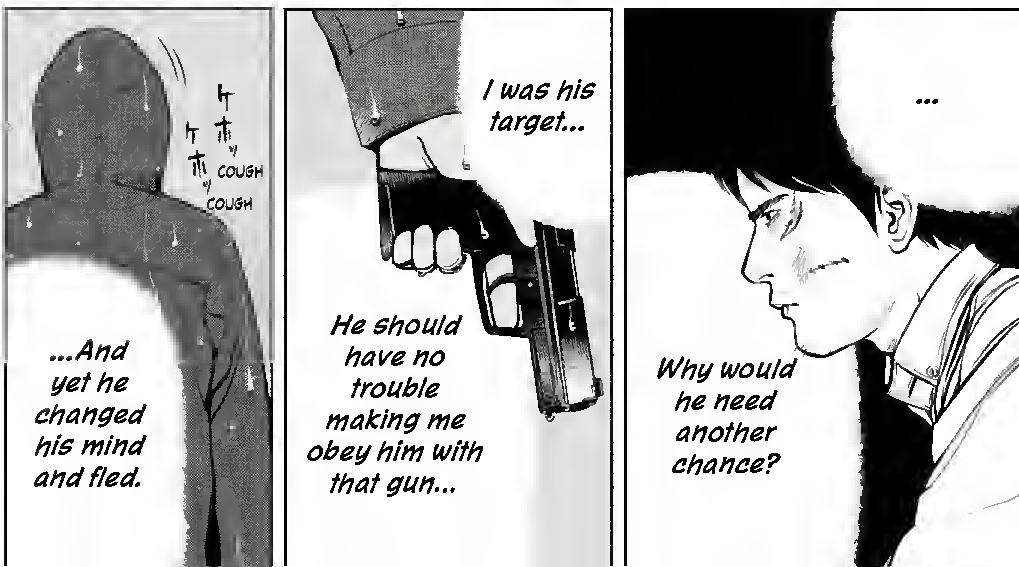

I can't take waiting around on my ass like this...
When will he show himself...


RAIN...
THE PREVIOUSLY SHOWN BREAK IN THE RAINY SEASON WON'T LAST LONG.
STARTING TOMORROW NIGHT WE'RE PREDICTING HEAVY RAINFALL ACCOMPANIED BY THUNDER-STORMS...
There must be some-thing... some clue that will lead me to him...

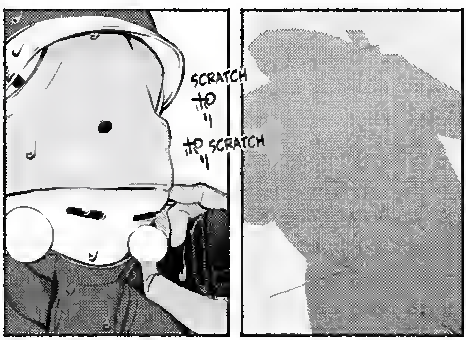
Almost all the crimes he committed have been in rainy weather...
That's his style...
The rain makes it hard to see him clearly...
The next time he shows up will probably be a rainy day...
And the evidence is washed away...
Surrounding people are distracted...
CLATTER
BOW
BOW
I...I'm very sorry. It must have slipped in on accident.
Accident? Are you retarded!? Can't you tell I nearly broke out in hives!
Don't give me that shit! Why the fuck is there shrimp in my food?!

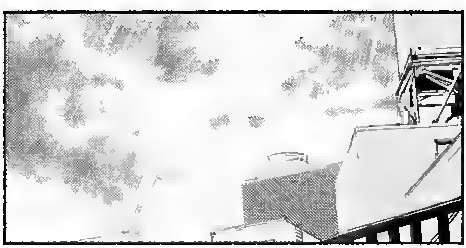

It's not a matter of like or dislike! Depending on the situation, there's a good chance I could die!
I sincerely apologize. We'll make a new one for you right away...


I'll come for you another time.
SCRATCH
SCRATCH


...And yet he changed his mind and fled.
COUGH
COUGH
He should have no trouble making me obey him with that gun...
I was his target...
Why would he need another chance?
...

Right when the rain stopped...
Almost like he was following the rainclouds...
Why does he rely so heavily on the rain?
...Or was it simply spur of the moment? Am I overthinking it? What if he was just messing with my head?
Or did he make a run for it as soon as he sensed pursuit closing in...?
One of those criminal aesthetic types...? It's not uncommon for that sort to be obsessive about sticking to their own style of crime...
Don't expect to see me at this shop ever again!
SLIDE
ガラ
What could it be...





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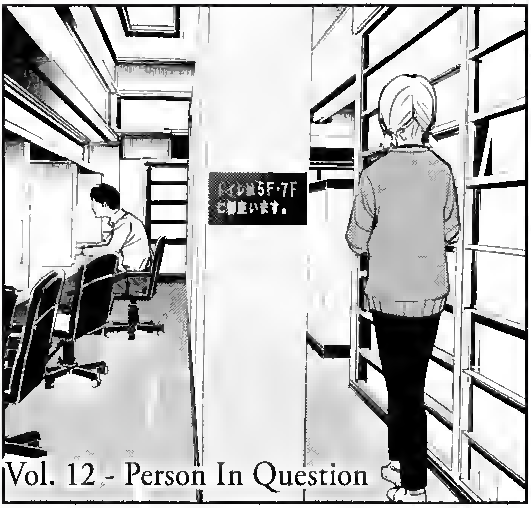
トイレは5F・7F
に御座います。
Vol. 12 - Person In Question

カラオケ
24時間営業
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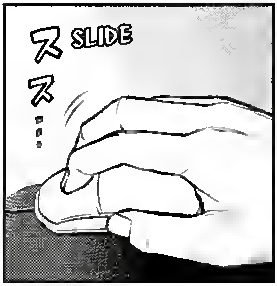
*Manga Cafe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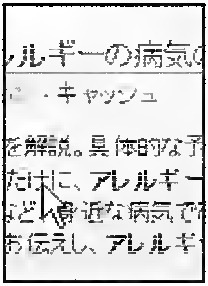
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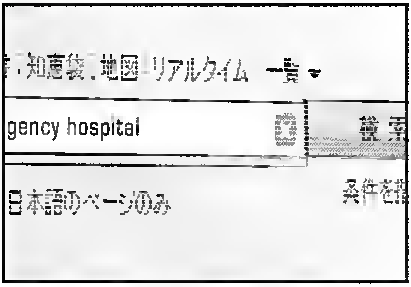
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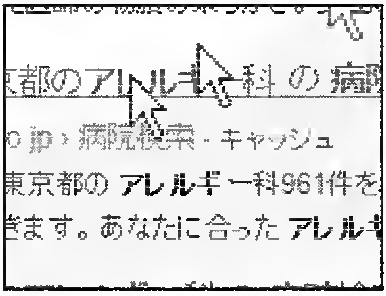
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the timing...
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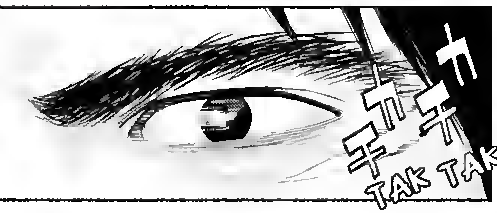
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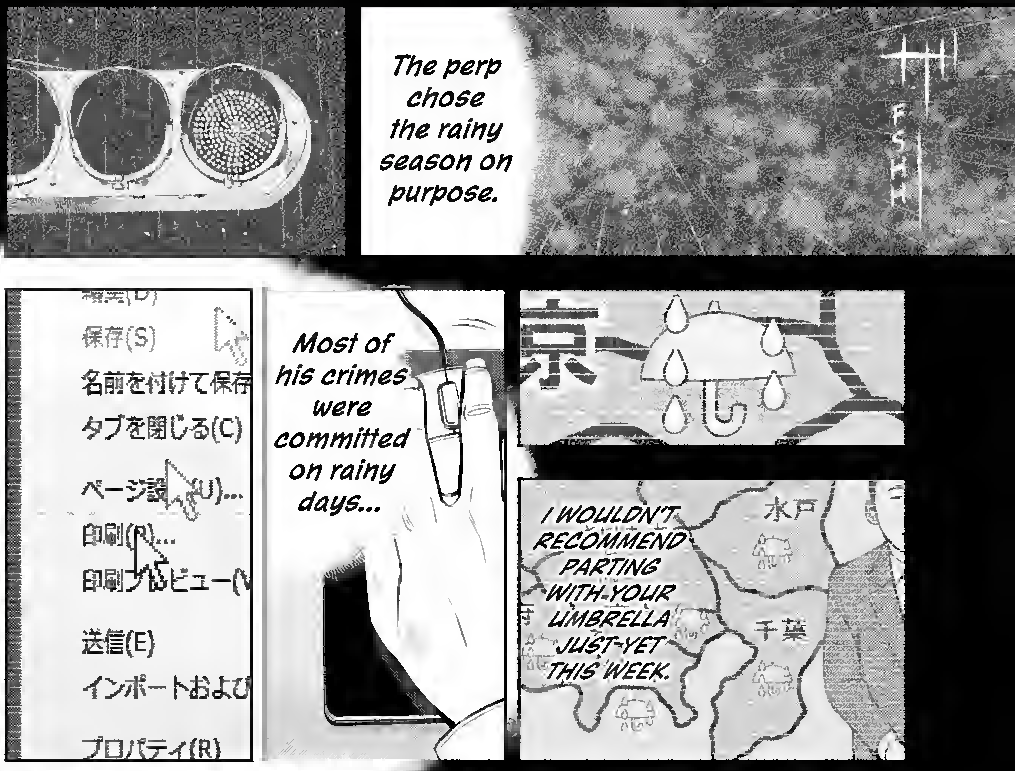
The perp chose the rainy season on purpose.
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名前を付けて保存
タブを閉じる(C)
印刷(P)...
送信(E)
インポートおよび
プロパティ(R)
Most of his crimes were committed on rainy days...
京
I WOULDN'T RECOMMEND PARTING WITH YOUR UMBRELLA JUST YET THIS WEEK.
水戸
千葉
...was not to take cover or wash away the evidence...
But the purpose of that...

ゴロゴロ
RUMBLE
I nearly broke out in hives!
THE PREVIOUSLY SHOWN, BREAK IN THE RAINY SEASON...
SCRATCH
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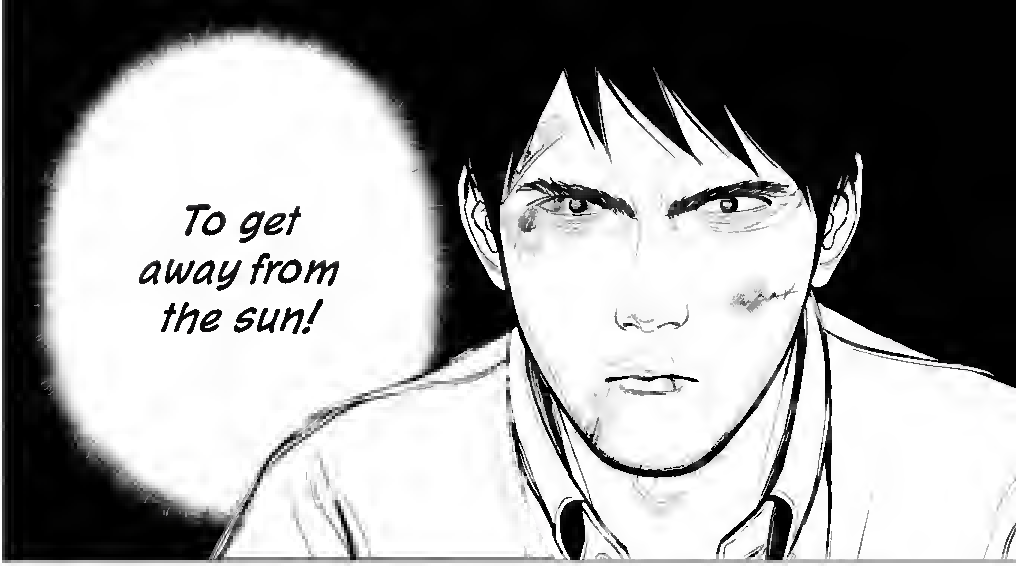
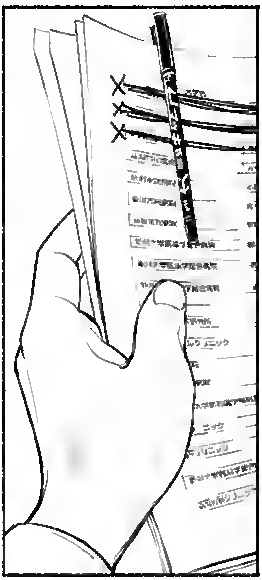
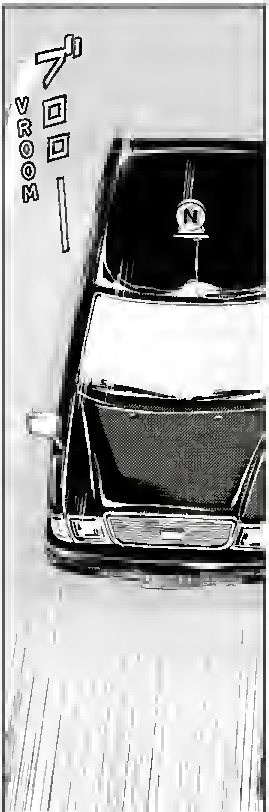
I'll come for you another time, Detective Sawamura.
SLAM
At the time... he had no choice but to flee...







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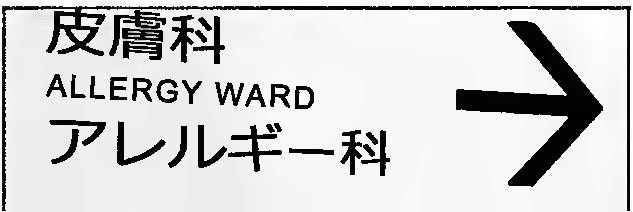
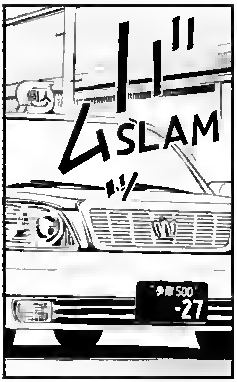
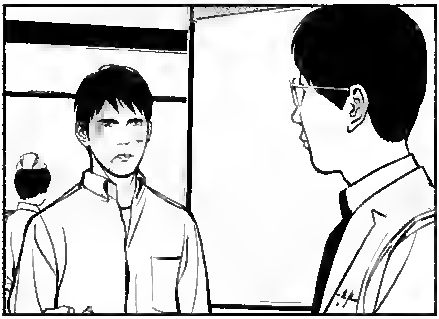
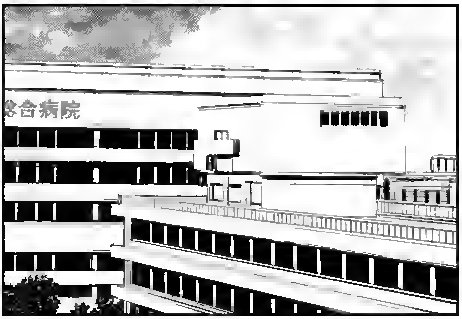
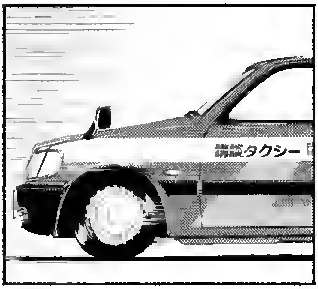




SORRY TO BOTHER YOU WHEN YOU'RE BUSY. IF YOU'D BE SO KIND AS TO ANSWER TWO OR THREE QUESTIONS, I'LL BE GONE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT. PLEASE GIVE ME YOUR COOPERATION.



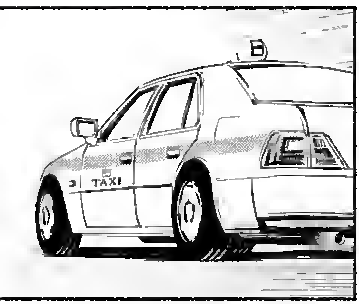


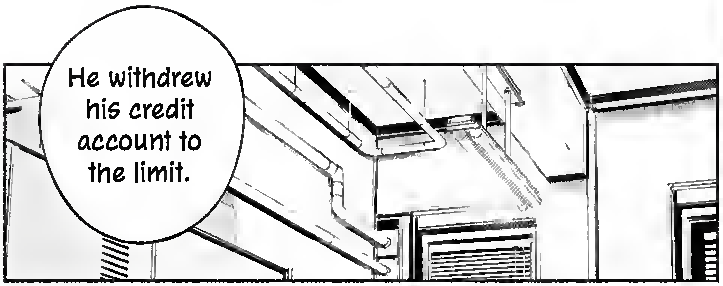


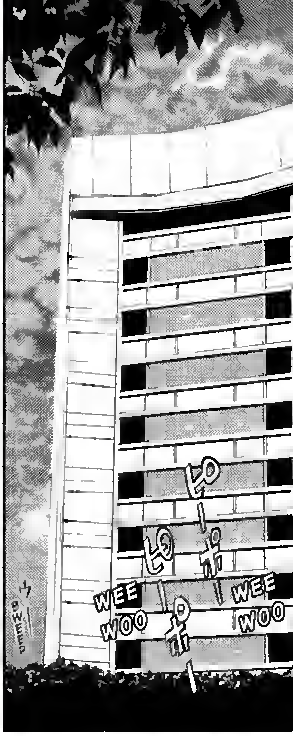
SIR, IF WE HAD ANY PATIENTS WITH SUCH A RARE CONDITION AS YOU MENTIONED, I ASSURE YOU WE WOULD HAVE IT IN OUR RECORDS...

ARE YOU CERTAIN?

I DON'T BELIEVE WE HAVE ANYBODY LIKE THAT HERE...




He withdrew his credit account to the limit.


WEE WOO
WEE WOO

警視庁
警視庁
What does he need so much money for...?

How about his phone records?

500 thousand yen from a Shimbashi ATM...
...

A word if you please, Inspector Sekihata...

Nothing in particular stands out...
His last call was made to Nishino... as of now he's gone incommunicado.

As long as we have no decisive evidence, the fastest way to get to the culprit is to trace Sawamura's footsteps.
Sawamura's disappearance is of great concern of course...but our orders are to focus on the Shigeru Ohashi link.
There's no longer any point to revisiting the Ohashi matter!
And when he does...I'm afraid he may take action that he will come to regret.
I imagine he's trying to make contact with the culprit again.
So it's true. The reason Sawamura disappeared...
Thank you for everything you've done.

Just lend me your assistance!
I will take full responsibility!

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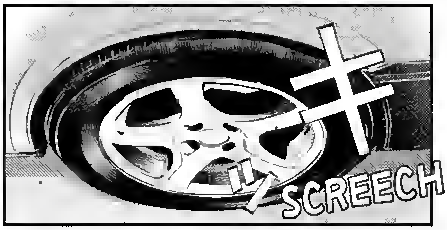
SCREECH

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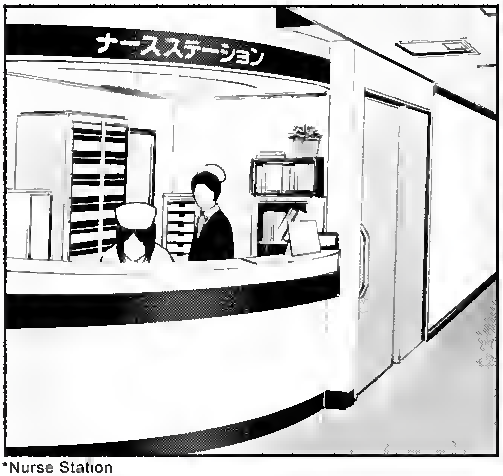

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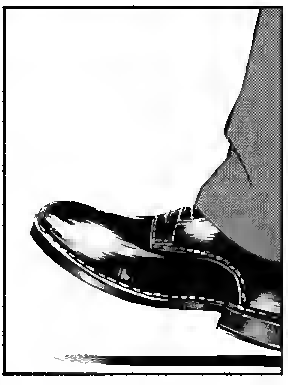

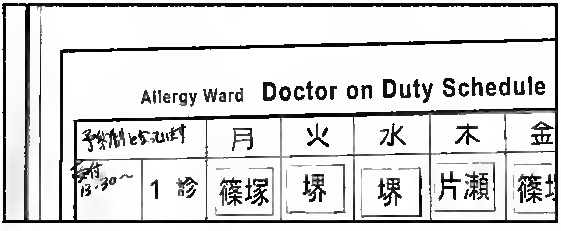

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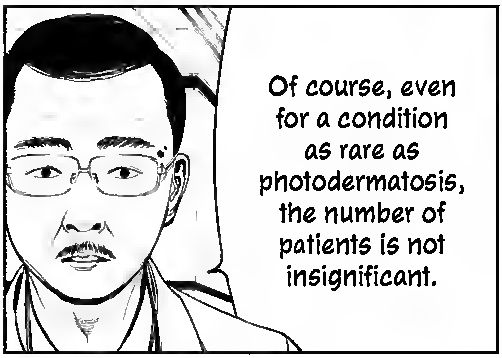

Of course, even for a condition as rare as photodermatosis, the number of patients is not insignificant.

I've tried several hospitals.
I heard this place has quite the reputation...

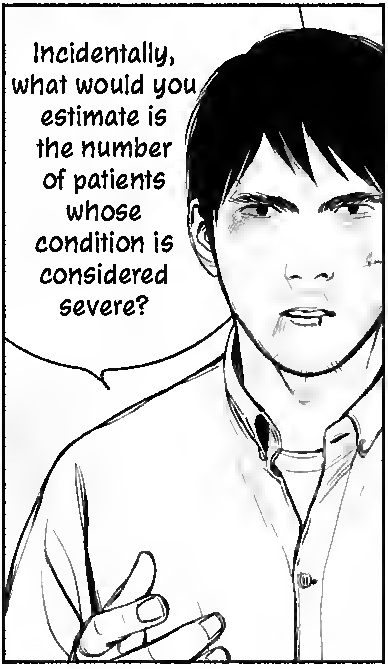
I can't give you a clear number off the top of my head...
But I'd say it must be in the hundreds...
禁煙

What do you mean by *not insignificant*?

Well...
...

Our hospital is regarded as the number one in the country for allergy treatment research.
We have no shortage of referrals from other hospitals.
Hundreds ...?!
Uh, no...
It's just that all the other hospitals I asked gave me a trivial number.
...
Is there a problem?

BEEP
BEEP


Incidentally, what would you estimate is the number of patients whose condition is considered severe?

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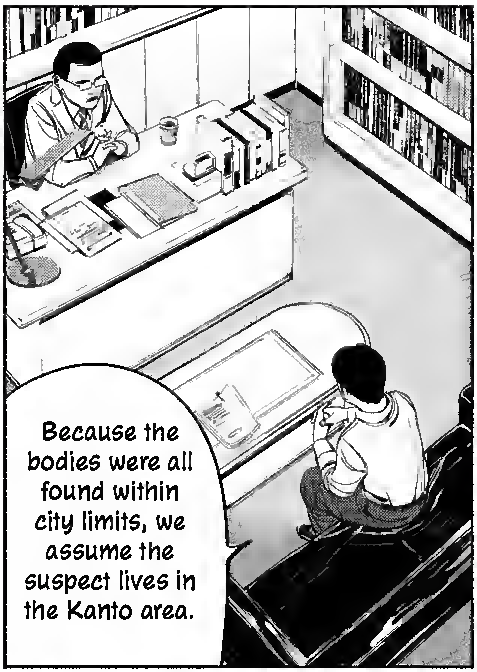
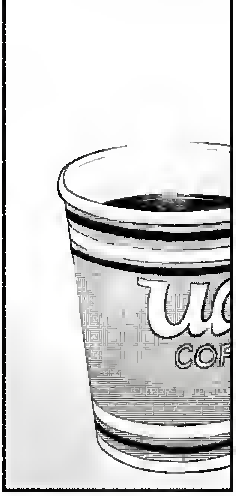
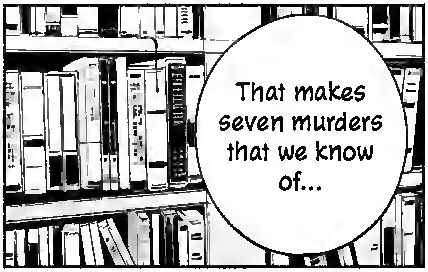
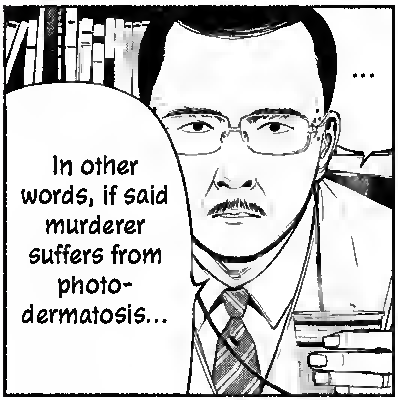
Detective. Just what is this about?
I do wish you'd clarify for me the aim of your questions, first of all...


Because the bodies were all found within city limits, we assume the suspect lives in the Kanto area.




That makes seven murders that we know of...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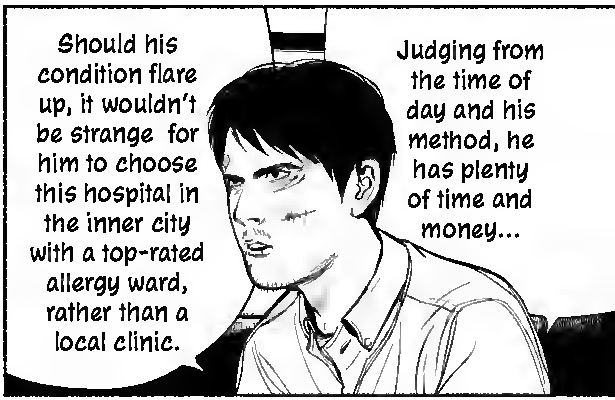
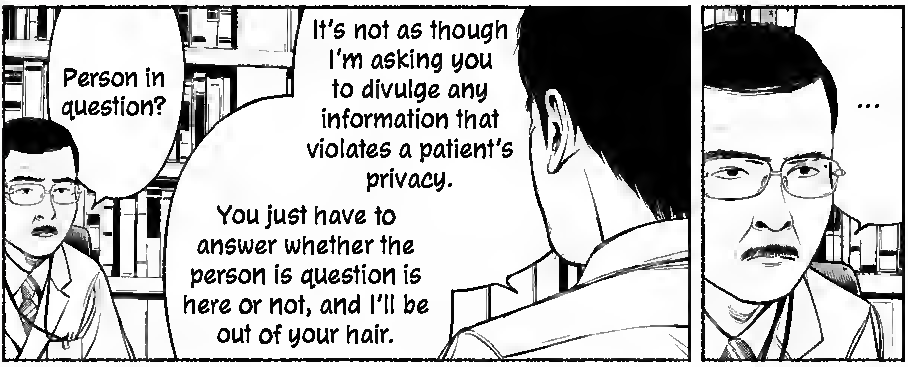
In other words, if said murderer suffers from photo-dermatosis...


Should his condition flare up, it wouldn't be strange for him to choose this hospital in the inner city with a top-rated allergy ward, rather than a local clinic.
Judging from the time of day and his method, he has plenty of time and money...

Nonetheless, if you're talking about an investigation, I'd prefer you approached me after going through the formalities...
...
Yes. It's possible he is counted among one of the "hundreds" you mentioned previously.

Showing up alone, without a warrant...it doesn't really encourage cooperation...
Well, let me put it this way...
Tomorrow, the murderer could be among the patients you admit. Doesn't that worry you in the slightest?


Person in question?
It's not as though I'm asking you to divulge any information that violates a patient's privacy.
You just have to answer whether the person is question is here or not, and I'll be out of your hair.
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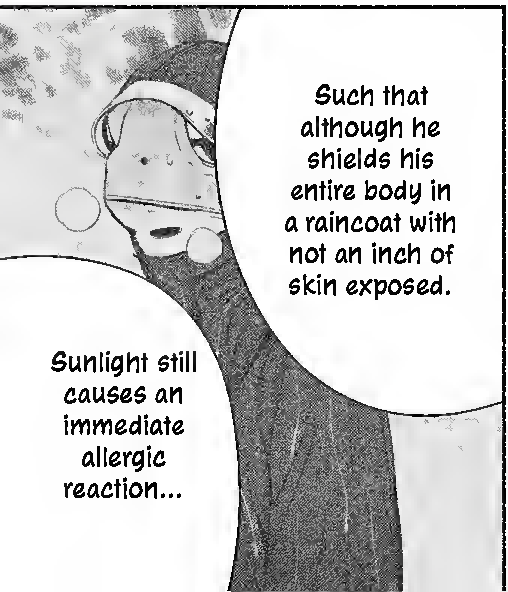
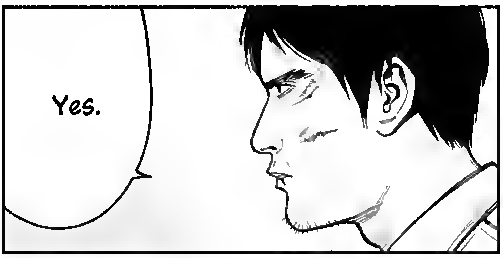

Such that although he shields his entire body in a raincoat with not an inch of skin exposed.
Sunlight still causes an immediate allergic reaction...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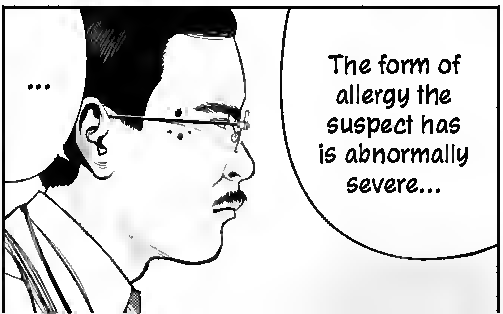
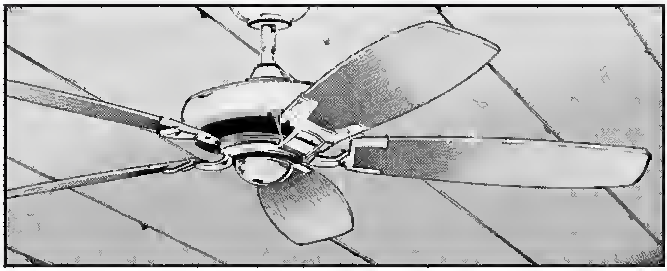
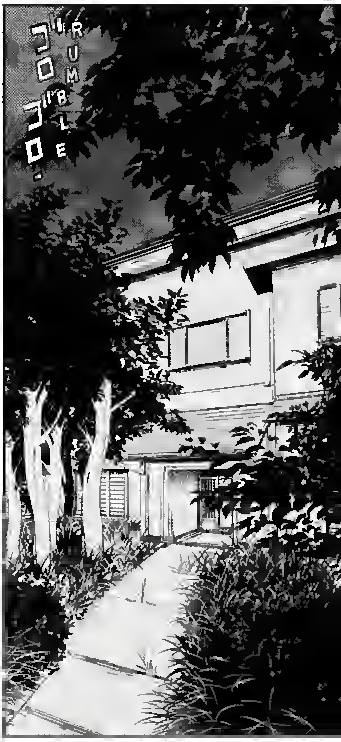

...
The form of allergy the suspect has is abnormally severe...

However severe it may be, I find it hard to imagine his condition would trigger the instant he came into contact with direct sunlight, especially dressed like that.
Yes. Therefore...
Detective... may I say one thing?
...his condition must be triggered the very sight of sunlight.
Extreme Psycho-somatic Conditioned Reflex...
We're in the age of convenience.
That's quite an obscure term you're familiar with.

It may not be very many, but such patients do exist...
One of the triggers could be strong sunlight or the sight of his shadow growing darker...
If I recall, it's the same thing as Pavlov's dogs.
All it takes is for it to enter his field of vision, and his body reacts on its own, setting off his condition.
What about at this hospital, Doctor...?

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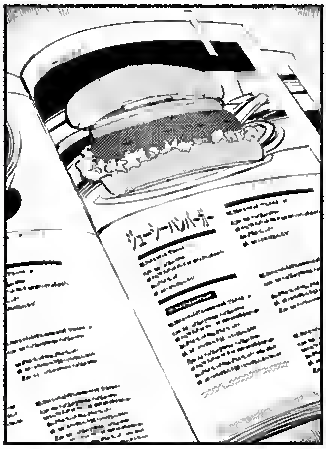

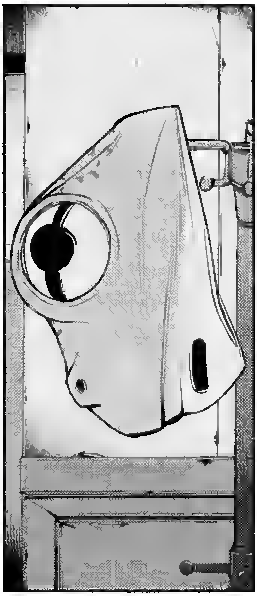

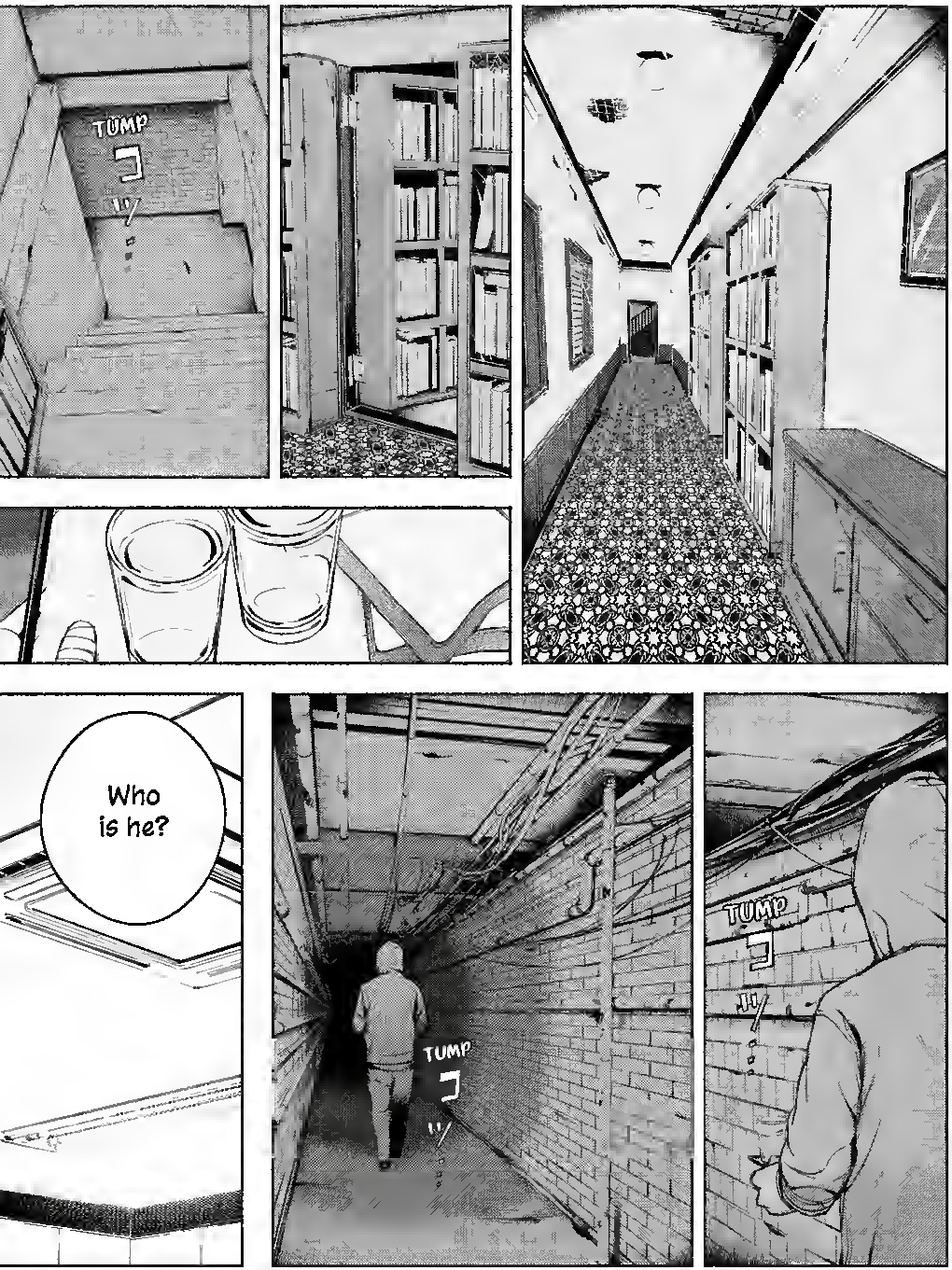
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Who is he?
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...
You've got an idea already, haven't you? A patient who comes to mind.
...Huh?
I didn't make detective for nothing, Doctor.
His age is somewhere between 20 and 40. Height is below 170 cm. His voice is high-pitched, particularly when he laughs.
His sex is male!
However, in my position as a doctor... I cannot answer any questions other than—
Certainly there are patients at this hospital with a condition such as the one you brought up.
I'll tell you again, I cannot divulge—
Am I wrong, Doctor?!
CREAK
STAND
...

You said you would leave once you heard whether your person in question was here...
Detective... please honor your promise.
That man may be a murderer!
Work with me here!
What did you say?
Show me the patient's chart!
Those were your own words, weren't they?
I don't remember saying anything like that!
Show me the patient's chart, *now!*
W-what nonsense! You can't demand such a thing without a warrant! That would be miscarriage of—

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ROOM
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保険者番号 0 4 5 5 0 4 8
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受 氏名 SANAE KIRISHIMA
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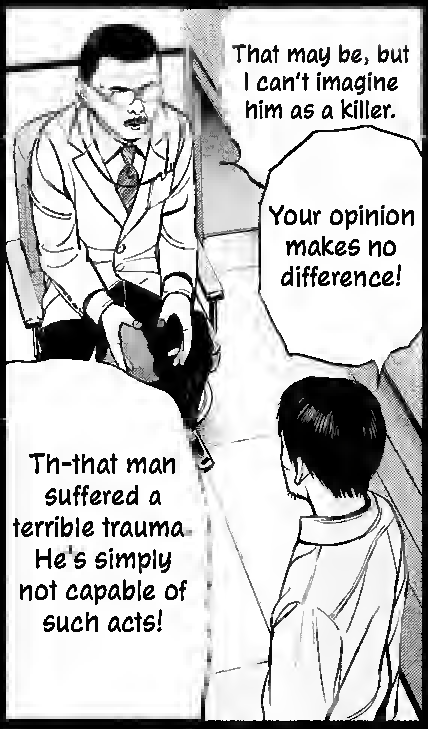
Sex. Age. Body measurements. Residence. Condition.
They all match...!


That may be, but I can't imagine him as a killer.
Your opinion makes no difference!
Th-that man suffered a terrible trauma. He's simply not capable of such acts!

...
He's very trustworthy. Not someone who'd commit a crime.
I-I know this man well...

The more fiendish they are, the better they are at hiding it.

Trauma?
...
It was just over ten years ago. Surely you remember it?
...
A wealthy couple dismembered and killed.
AN ART DEALER AND A FULL-TIME HOUSEWIFE WERE FOUND DISMEMBERED...
THE COUNTLESS PIECES REASSEMBLED AS THOUGH THEY WERE ONE PERSON, IN A GROTESQUE MURDER CASE WHICH REMAINS UNSOLVED TO THIS DAY.
AT THE TIME THE NATION WAS ABUZZ WITH THE STORY...
夫婦バラバラ!
遺体の肉片を組み合わ
取り残された少年
桑島英二
桑島景子

*Eiji Kirijima, Keiko Kirijima

This man is the child of that couple.
You're barking up the wrong tree if you suspect such a person of being a murderer...
He was still in middle school when the tragedy occurred.
Ever since then, he has kept his sadness buried inside, fighting an incurable disease all the while.
...
What ...?
It's him...

Keep what happened here today to yourself. You should forget all about it!
Listen up, Doctor...
URGH
...
You got me?
If you can do that, I'll leave without lifting a finger against you.
Understand me, Doctor?
W-why are you taking this so far—
Forget all about it.
...

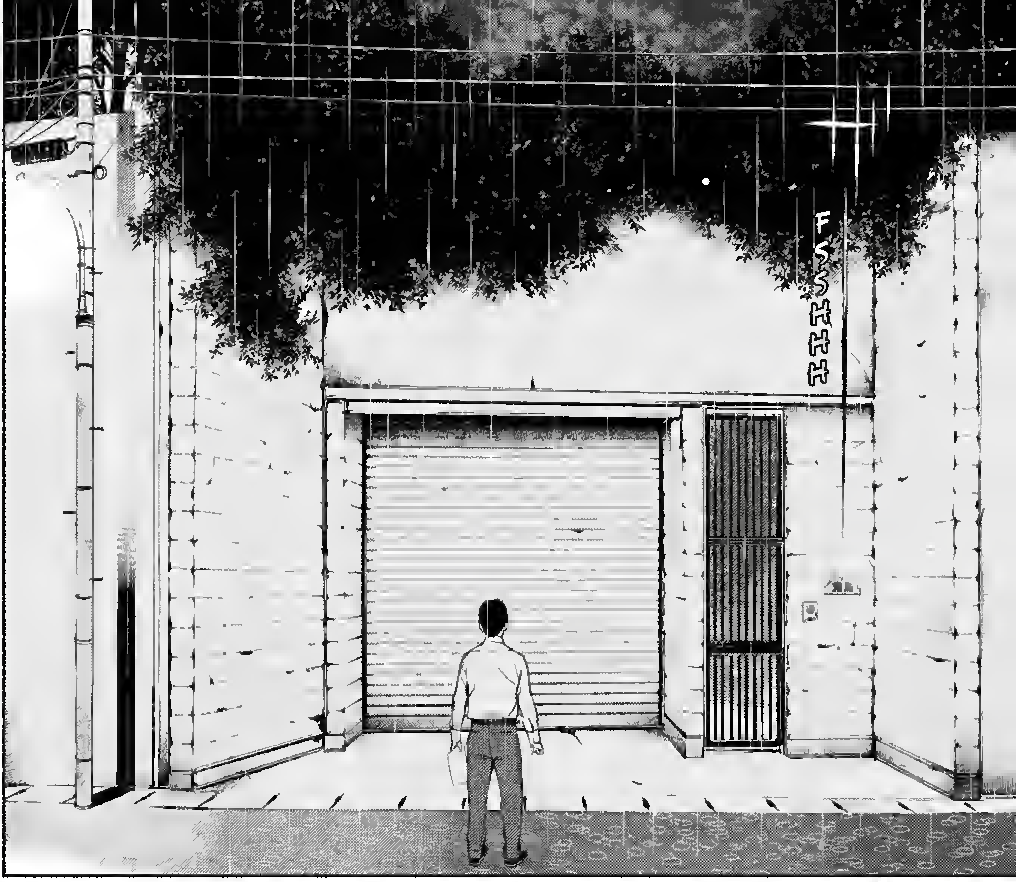
...
He abducted my family and killed my partner!
What?

It's been three days and my wife and son still haven't been found...
The man I'm after kills for pleasure...
Because I neglected my family, they lost faith in me and left home.
The last I saw of them was their tearfully retreating backs...

SLAM
Forgive me for threatening you.
I really am sorry.
FSSH
HHH
VROOM

*Watch for pedestrians - Hachioji District

*Street Crime Prevention Comprehensive Countermeasures In Place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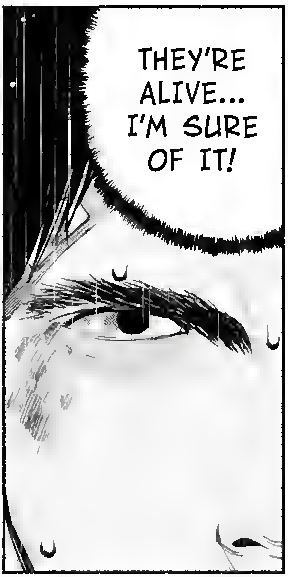
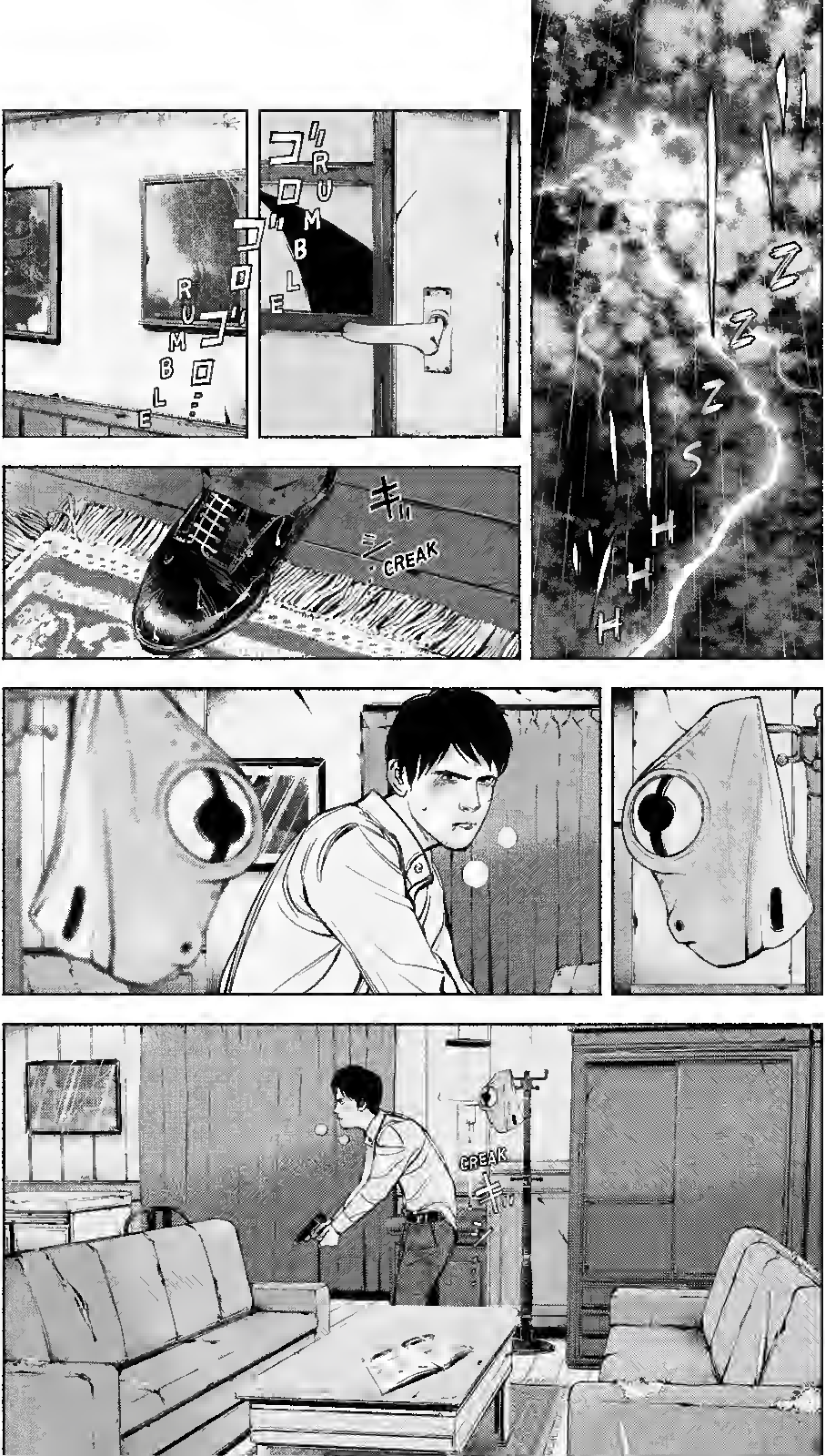

THEY'RE ALIVE... I'M SURE OF IT!

HARUKA... SHOUTA...

SWISH
RIBBIT
RIBBIT
RIBBIT
TOSS
RUSTLE
JUMP
FISH
CLICK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RUMBLE
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CREAK
ZZZZSHHH
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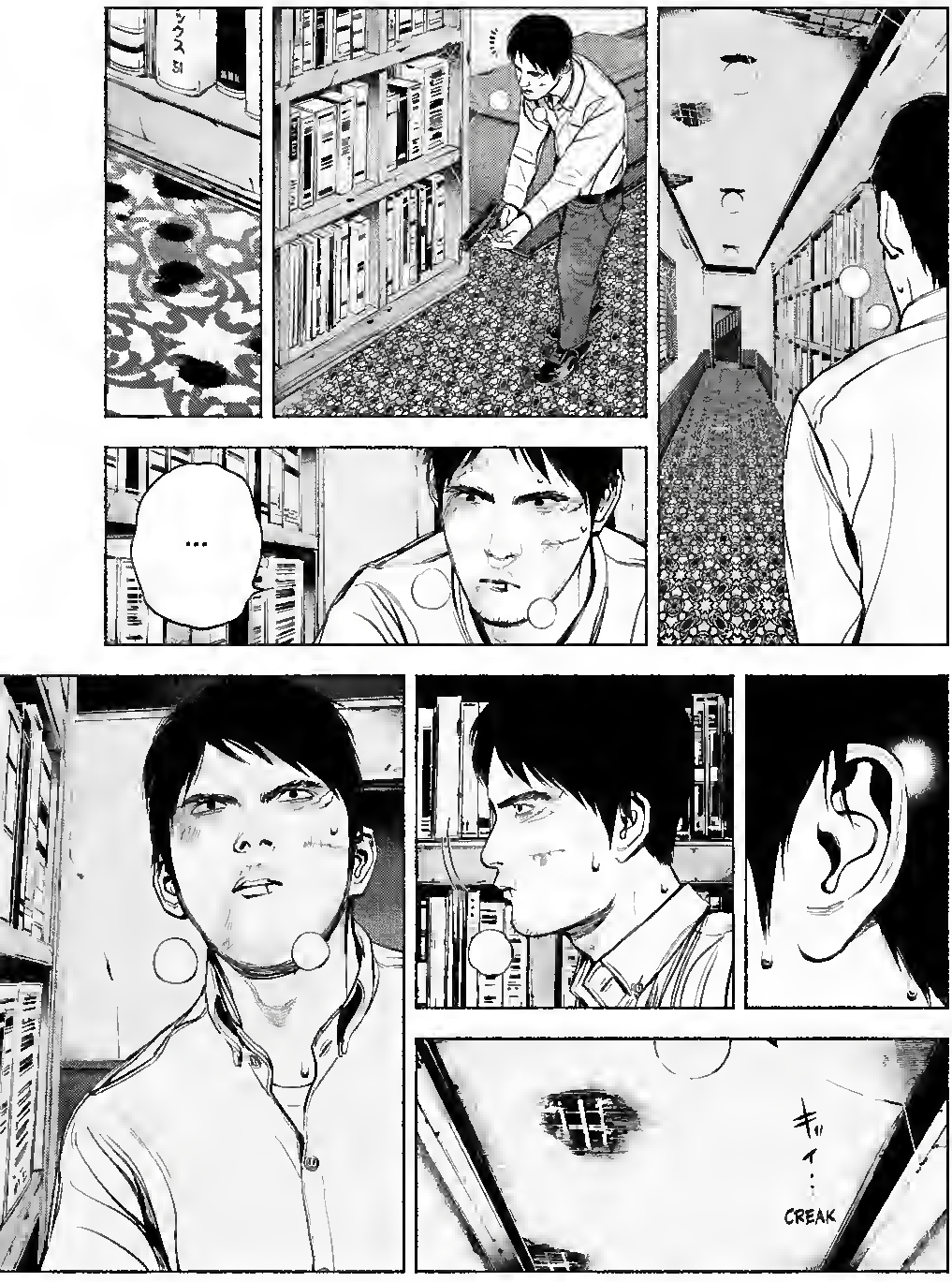
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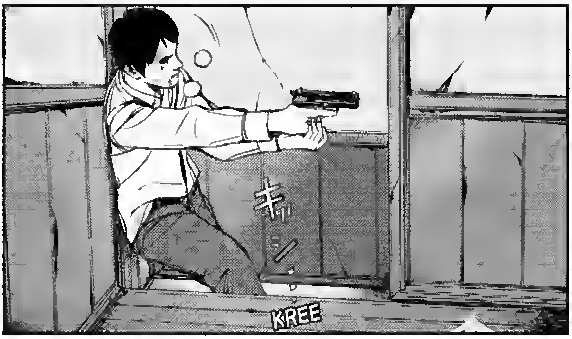
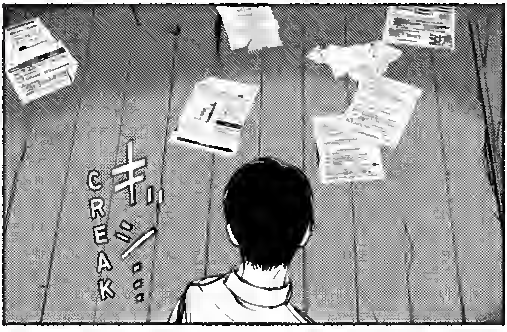

KREE

ゴロゴロ…
RUMBLE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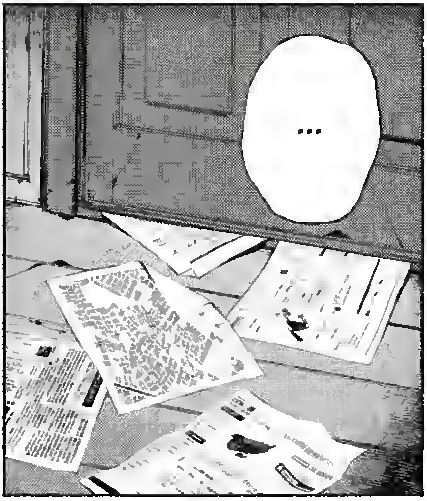
FWIP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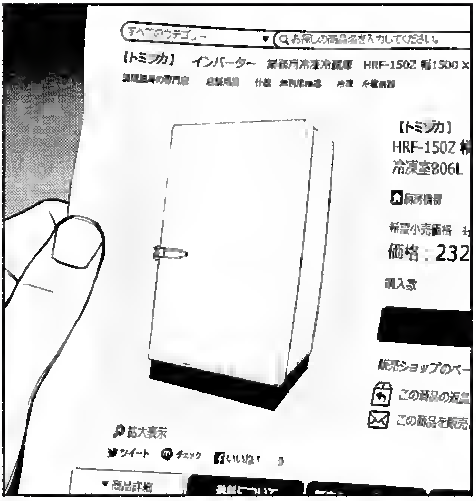
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HRF-150Z
冷凍室806L
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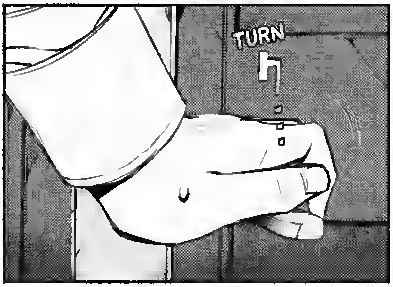
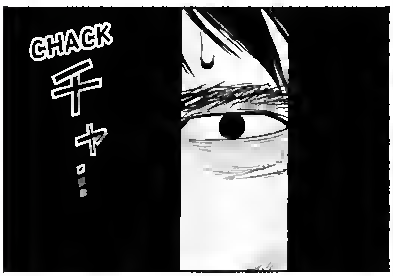
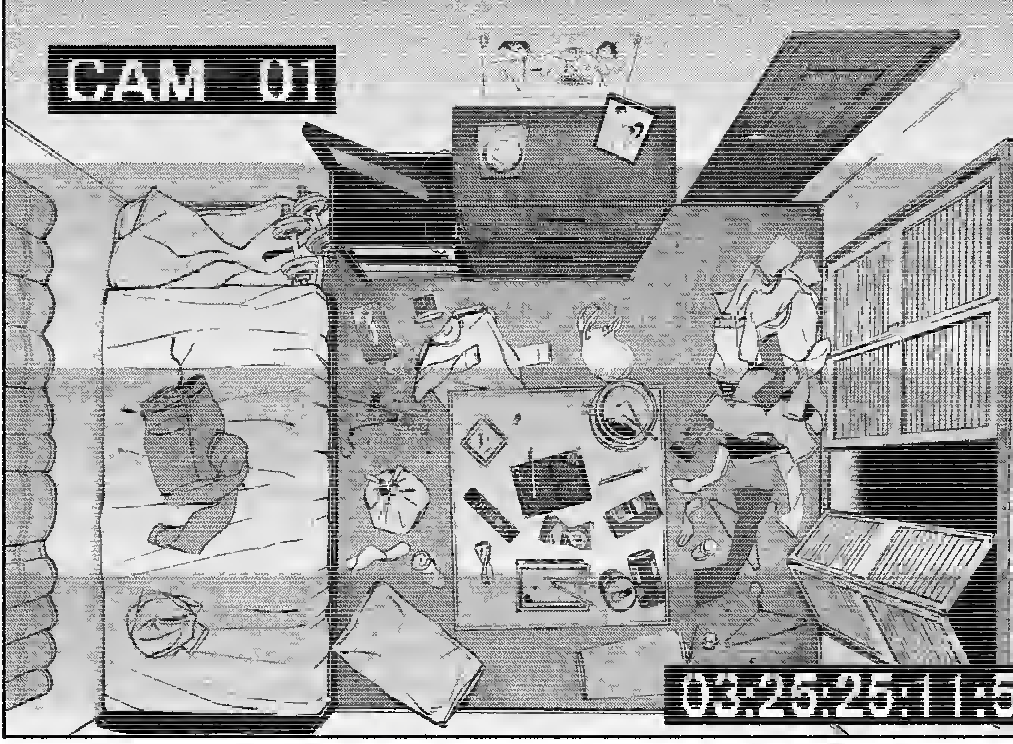

TURN
ﾉ


CHACK
ﾁｬ…

占いの館
RUSTLE
カサッ
RUSTLE
カサッ
What kind of freak...?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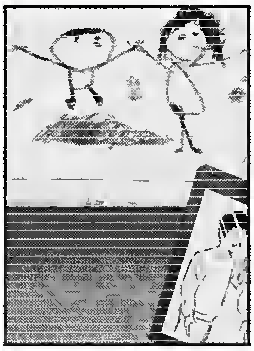

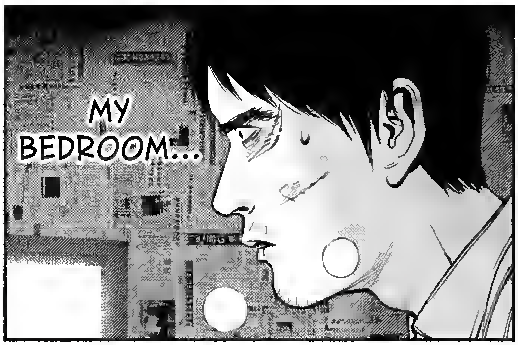
MY
BEDROOM...

FWOOSH

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FWOOSH!!

SWISH
ア
カ
CLATTER
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FWOOOMP
CRASH
WHAM

WHAM
POW
WHAM
Where the hell are they?!
Where are Haruka and Shouta?!

SQUEEZE
I asked you where are they?!
BAM
Guh!
STAB

ゴ
THUD
ガ
GRAB
SLAM
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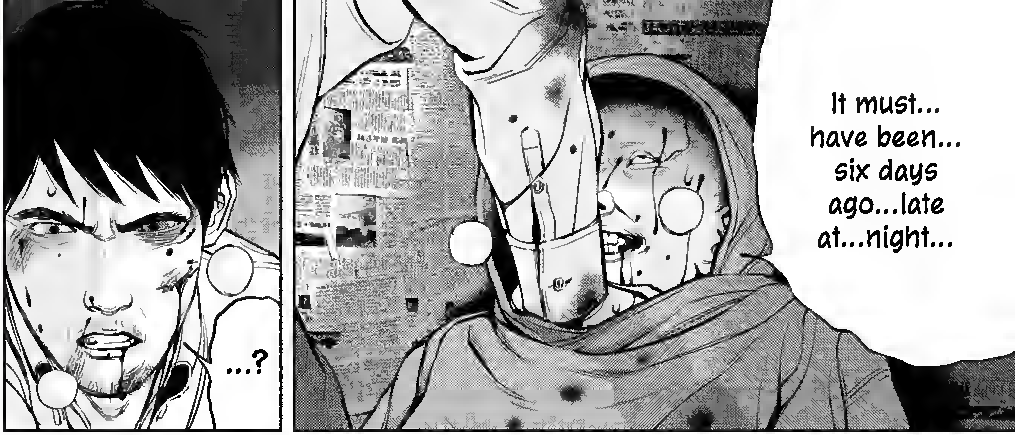
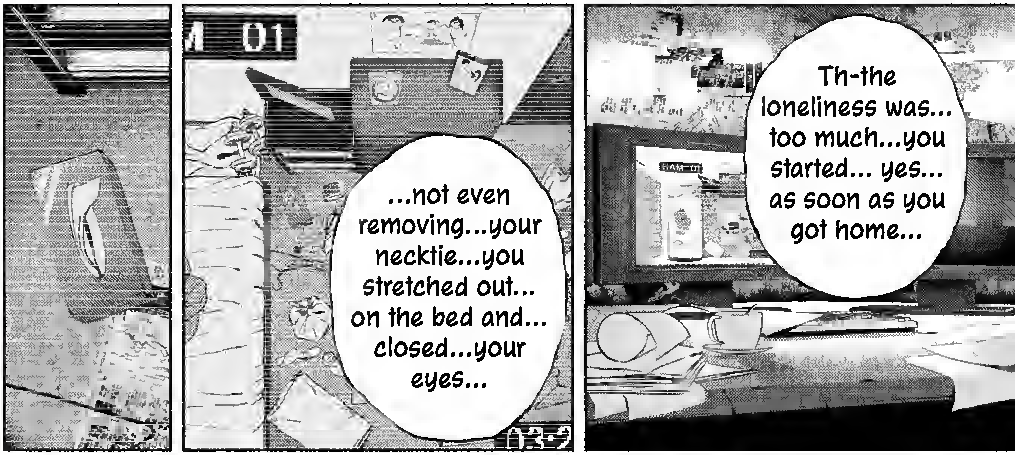
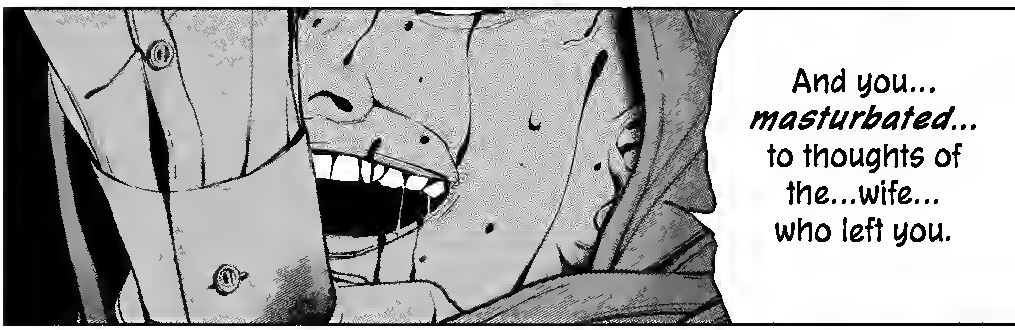
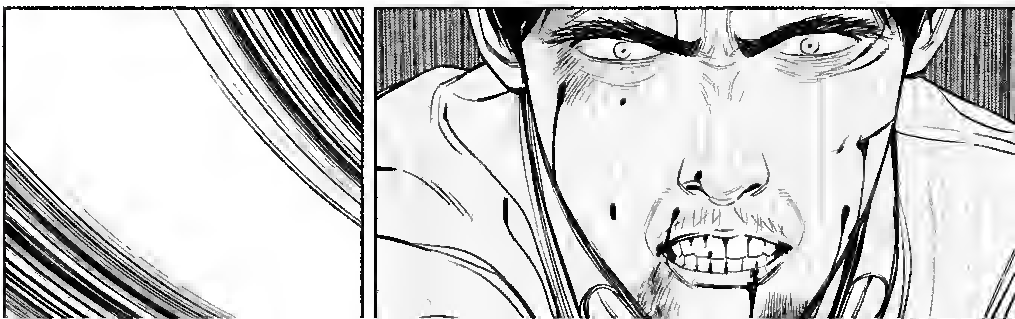
Answer me!
WHAM
SQUEEZE
Answer me!
Ge-heh!
SQUEEZE
It...
...


...?
It must... have been... six days ago...late at...night...


...not even removing...your necktie...you stretched out... on the bed and... closed...your eyes...
Th-the loneliness was... too much...you started... yes... as soon as you got home...


And you... masturbated... to thoughts of the...wife... who left you.



WHACK
SPIN
WOBBLE
Gurk...
But your sleepless nights have continued, haven't they, Detective Sawamura?
THUNK

Now you can you sleep easy...
SHAKE
SHAKE
Uwuh...
Allow me to guide you to your suite...

ゴロゴロ：RUMBLE

Man, what's with the gloomy faces...
...
How long has it been since all three of us sat down to a meal...?
From now on, even if it gets busy, I'll do my best to carve out time to spend with you...
...
We'll even go to the theme park near our house... What do you say, Shouta...?

...A SHORT TIME AGO THE METROPOLITAN POLICE...
...RELEASED NEW INFORMATION ON THE RECENT MISSING PERSONS CASE.
WE'VE JUST RECEIVED A NEWS BULLETIN.
Hey, come on...
沢村　遥さん
沢村　将太ちゃん
FULL TIME HOUSEWIFE HARUKA SAWAMURA, 32. AND HER SON SHOUTA, THREE YEARS OLD.
REPORTS ARE COMING IN THAT THEIR BODIES HAVE BEEN FOUND MURDERED.

HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

Ugh...
THROB
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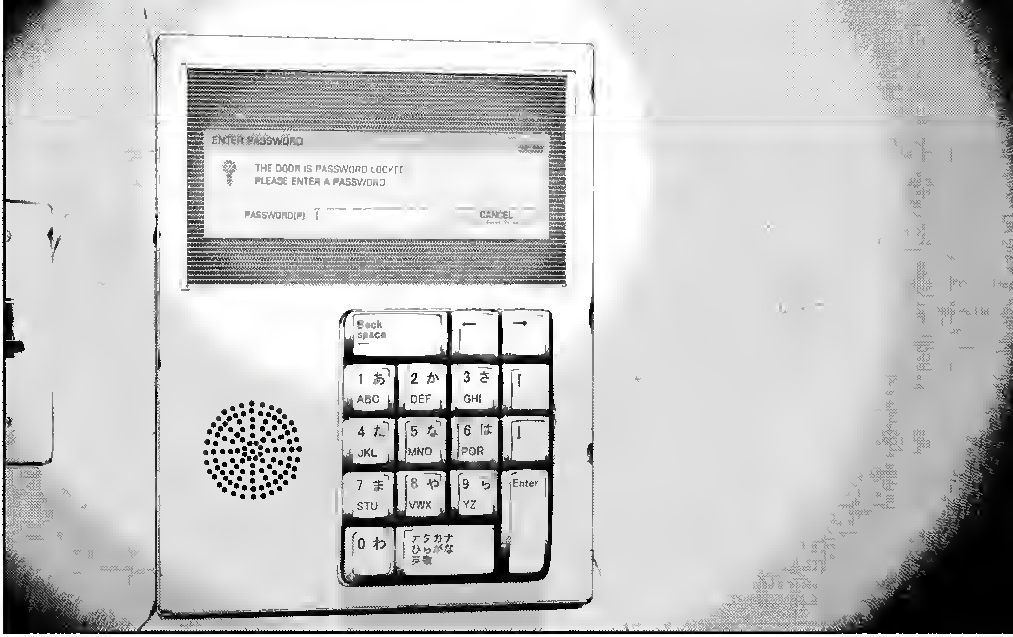
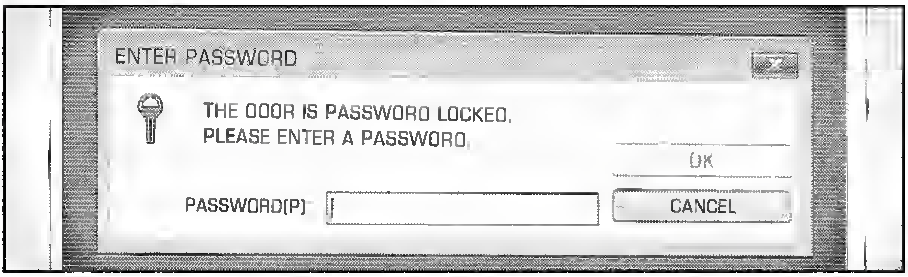
RUB
スス…
...?
...
...A hospital?
...Huh?
Where am I...?


ENTER PASSWORD
THE DOOR IS PASSWORD LOCKED.
PLEASE ENTER A PASSWORD.
PASSWORD(P)
CANCEL
Back space
1 あ ABC
2 か DEF
3 さ GHI
4 た JKL
5 な MNO
6 は PQR
7 ま STU
8 や VWX
9 ら YZ
0 わ
Enter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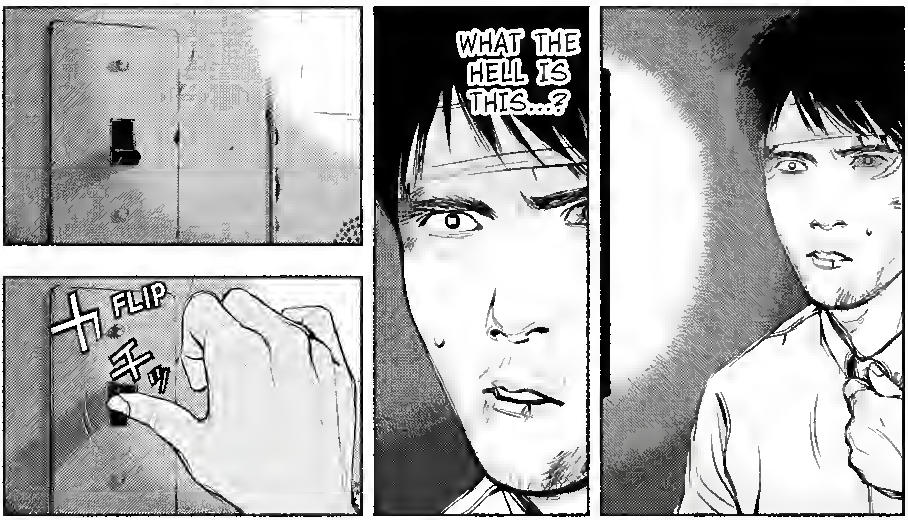
OK
PASSWORD(P)
CANCEL


FLIP
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS...?

BZZZ
BZZZ
BZZZ
Ugh...

DADDY,
LET'S
PLAY

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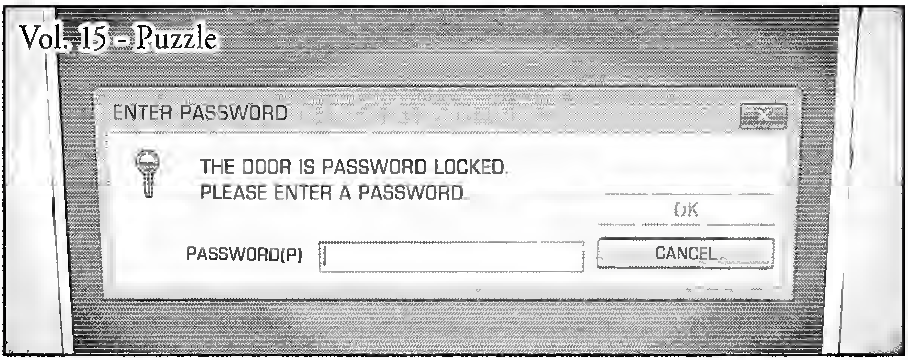
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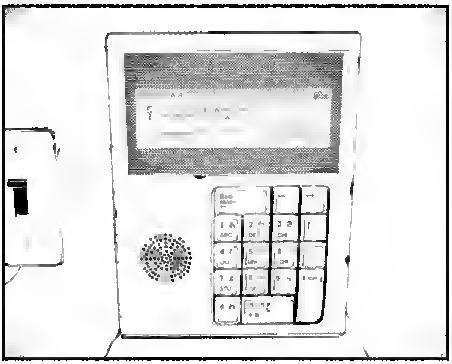
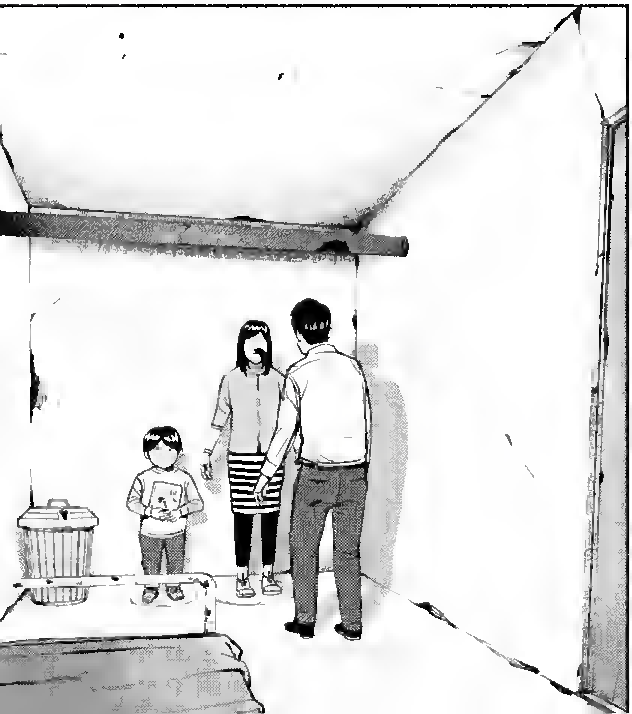
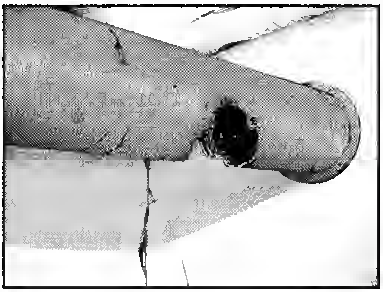
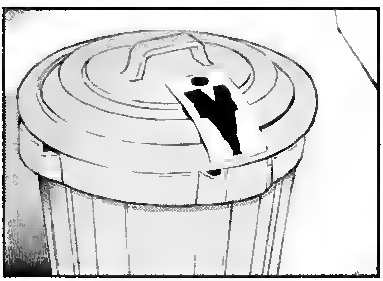
OK
PASSWORD(P)
CANCEL

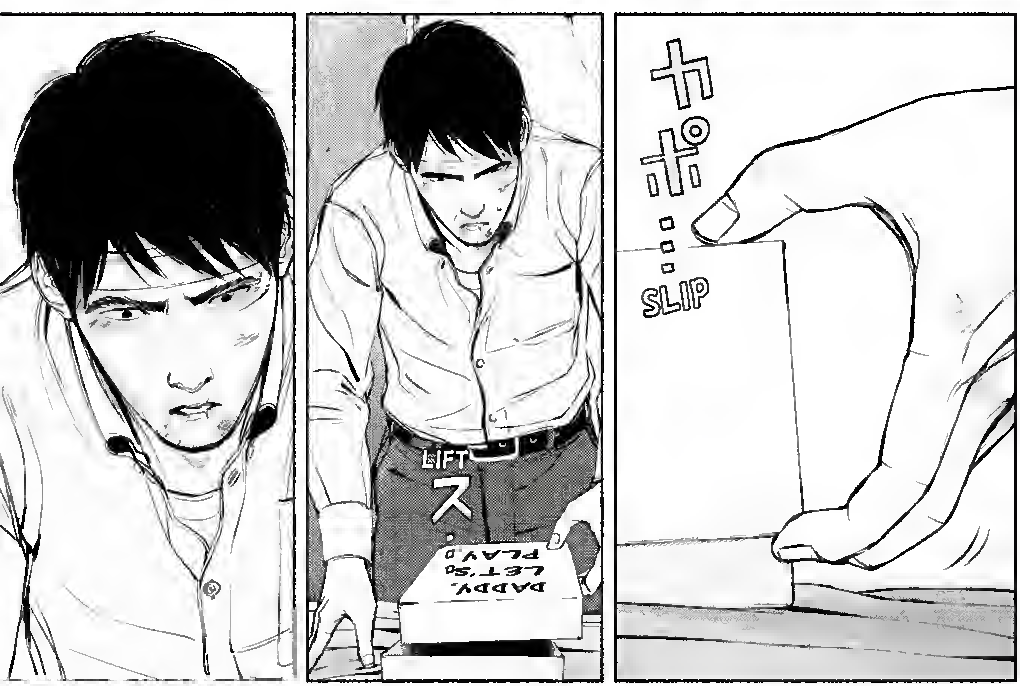








DADDY, LET'S PLAY
CLICK
カチャ…
EAT UP.
IT'S STILL LOADED...
CLICK
カチ
ドズ
TMP
...?
EAT UP.


RUSTLE
DADDY, LET'S PLAY.
DADDY, LET'S PLAY.
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
LIFT
DADDY, LET'S PLAY.
SLIP

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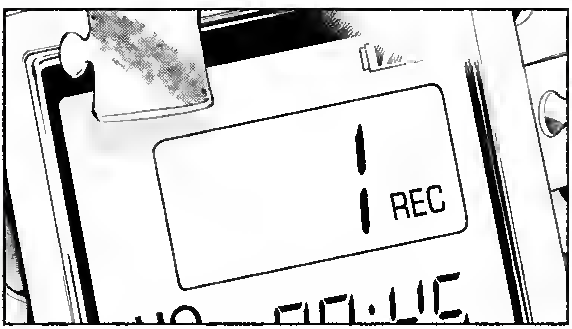
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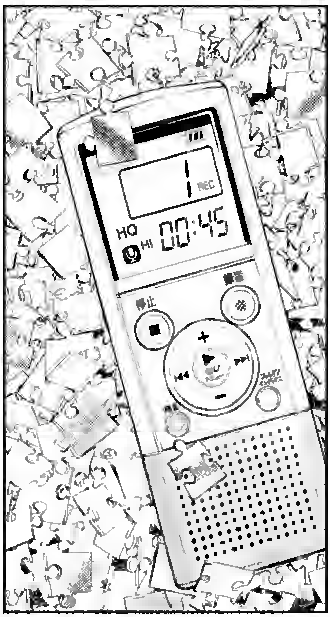
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REC
HQ
00:45

MUR-
MUR
MUR-
MUR
BEEP
停止
録音
...
...
SSH-
HHH-
HHH
HQ
HI
00:42
MORE
THAN
LIKELY.
TO BE BRIEF...
THE VICTIM
LIVED A
CODEPENDENT
LIFESTYLE,
NEVER SPARING
A THOUGHT FOR
HIS MOTHER'S
HARDSHIP.
HIS BIRTH
WEIGHT...?
NISHINO...

I SEE... AND THAT'S WHY THE PUNISHMENT WAS "KNOW YOUR MOTHER'S PAIN."
SO THE MURDERER REMOVED THE EQUIVALENT OF HIS BIRTH WEIGHT IN BODY PARTS...
This is from when we...
BRING US ANY CLOSER TO ACTUALLY SOLVING THE CASE..
MMYEAH... BUT IT'S NOT LIKE KNOWING THAT...
WHEN YOU CONNECT THE PIECES ONE BY ONE, YOU NATURALLY START TO MAKE OUT AN OUTLINE.
AN INVESTIGATION IS SORT OF A LIKE A JIGSAW PUZZLE...
A PUZZLE...
...
BEEP BEEP
I SEE...

...
SWISH
GRIND
GRIND
CRUNCH
SMASH
DON'T FUCK WITH ME, YOU PIECE OF SHIT!

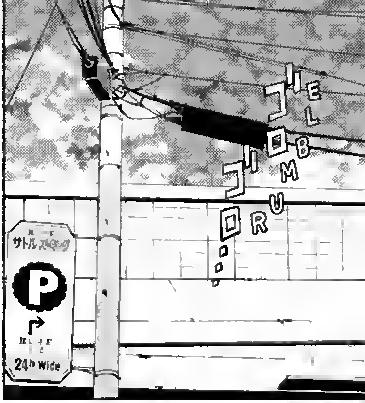
Shit!
WHAM
Shit!
WHAM
WHAM
OPEN!
FUCKING OPEN!
TINK
TINK
WHAM
WHAM
OPEN!
STOMP
OPEN THE FUCKING DOOR, YOU PERVERTED FREAK!
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

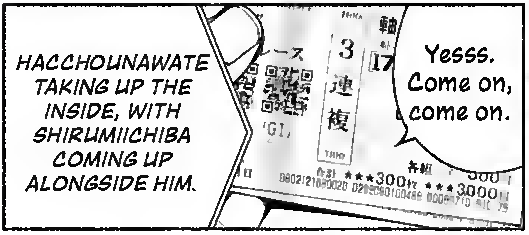
I know you're watching me from some-where!
I'm onto you!
AM 04
WHAT IS YOUR ENDGAME HERE?!
DOES LOCKING ME UP MAKE YOU FEEL ALL HIGH AND MIGHTY?
Where are Haruka and Shouta, huh?!
Let them go!

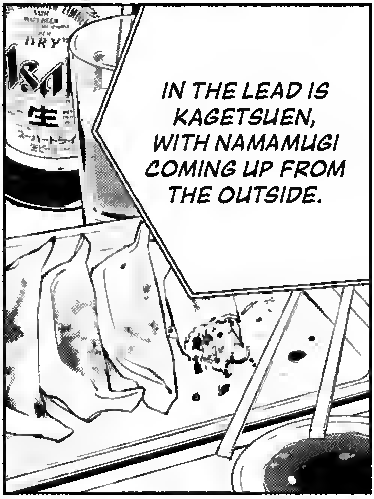
I'LL FUCKING KILL YOU, YOU HEAR ME?!
I'M GONNA MAKE YOU REGRET KEEPING ME ALIVE!
KICK
STOMP

That's the spirit, Detective Sawamura...
STOMP
What a good and honest boy you are...

COMING IN FROM THE FOURTH CORNER TO THE STRAIGHT!




HACCHOUNAWATE TAKING UP THE INSIDE, WITH SHIRUMIICHIBA COMING UP ALONGSIDE HIM.
Yesss. Come on, come on.

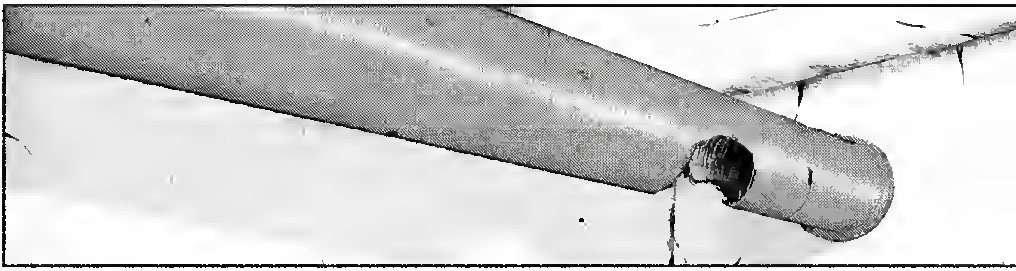

IN THE LEAD IS KAGETSUEN, WITH NAMAMUGI COMING UP FROM THE OUTSIDE.

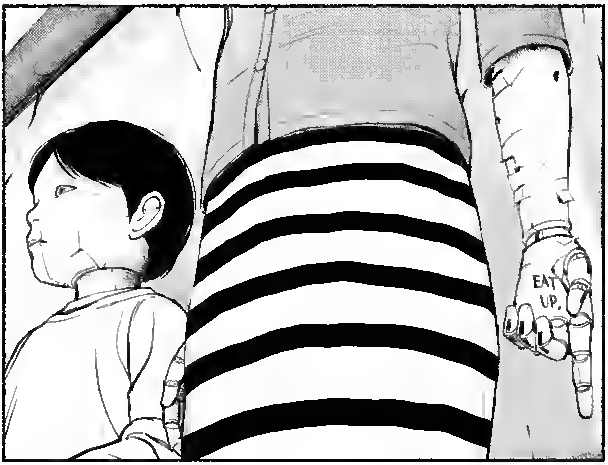
NO, ITS SHINKOYASU. SHINKOYASU HAS JUMPED IN IN ONE GO FROM THE FAR OUTSIDE.

POP

Mm...?

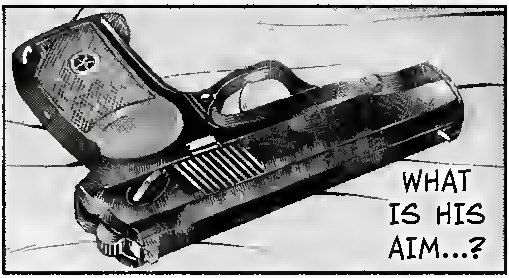
Don't play dumb with me, Tanabe...
Remember the detective who saved your daughter's life in the past.
Ugh... can't breathe ...
Gwagh!
FLOP
How would you like to go back to prison, Tanabe...?!
Ngh.
That same detective would have paid you a visit two nights ago.
KOFF
PRESS
...
I don't care what it was he bought off you...Just tell me where the drop-off point was!
I just want to know if we're on the right track.

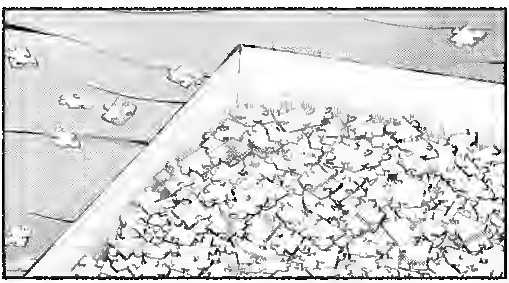


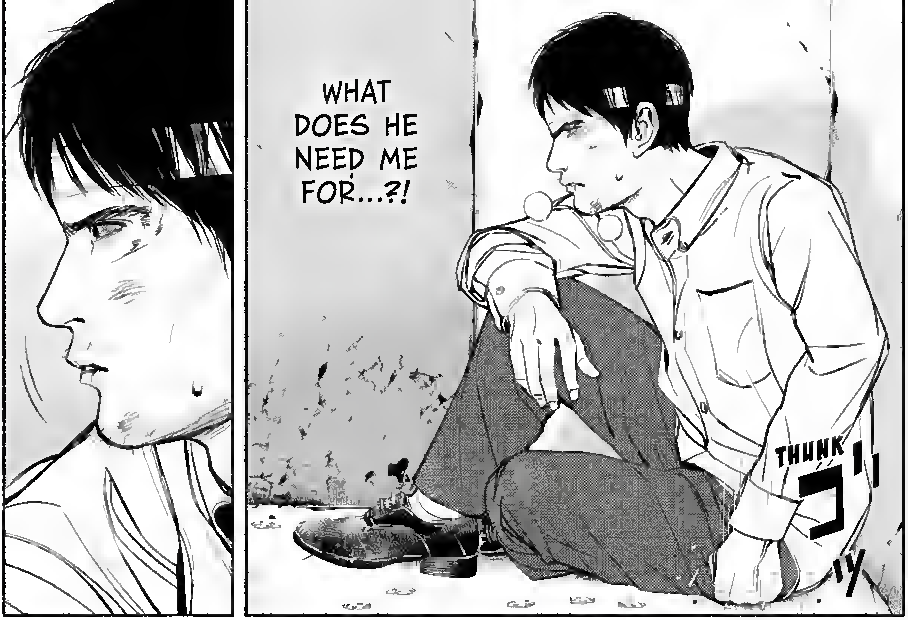

EAT
UP.

THE DOOR S PASSWORD LOCKED
PLEASE ENTER A PASSWORD
Back space
1 あ
ABC
4 た
JKL
7 ま

WHY DID
HE LET ME
LIVE...?

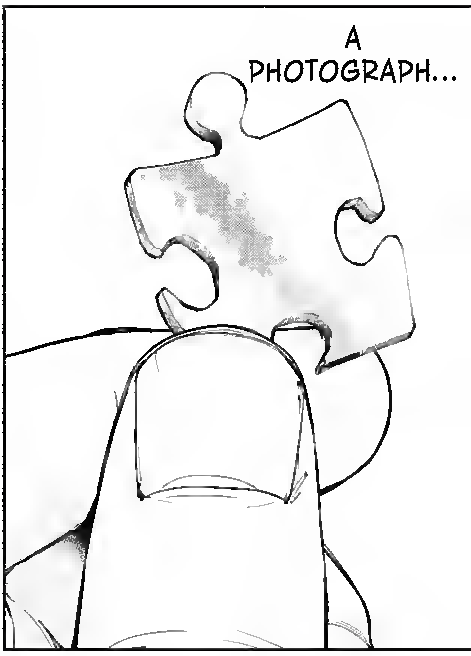

WHAT
IS HIS
AIM...?





Punishment: Bring your family to work

A PAINTING OR SOMETHING...?
...NO.


A PHOTOGRAPH...

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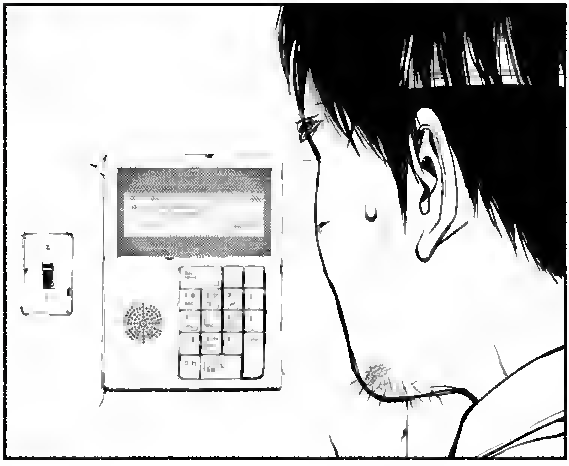
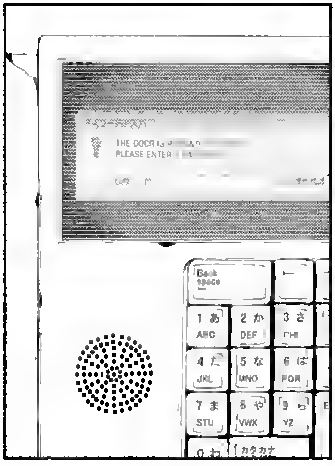
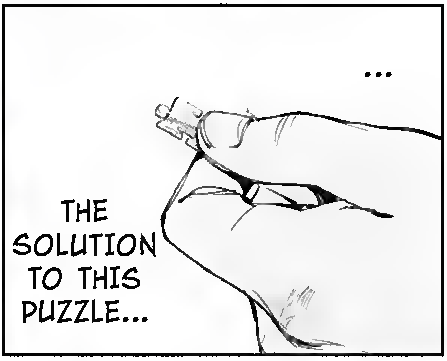
OK
パスワード(P):
キャンセル





COULD IT BE THE KEY...?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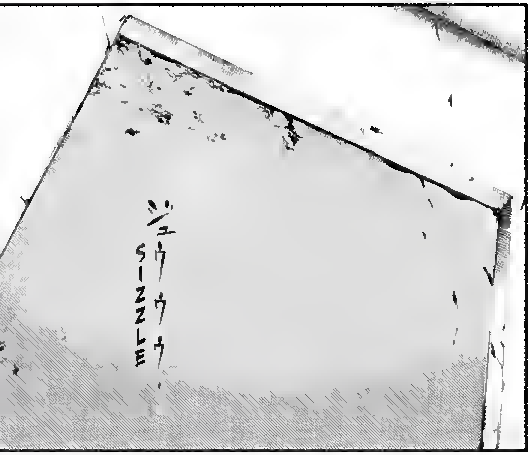
THE SOLUTION TO THIS PUZZLE...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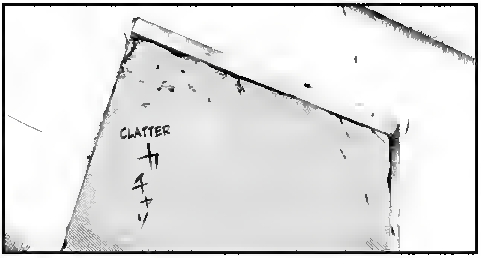
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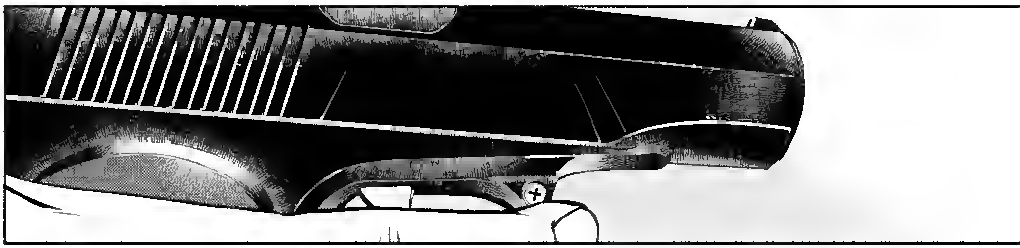

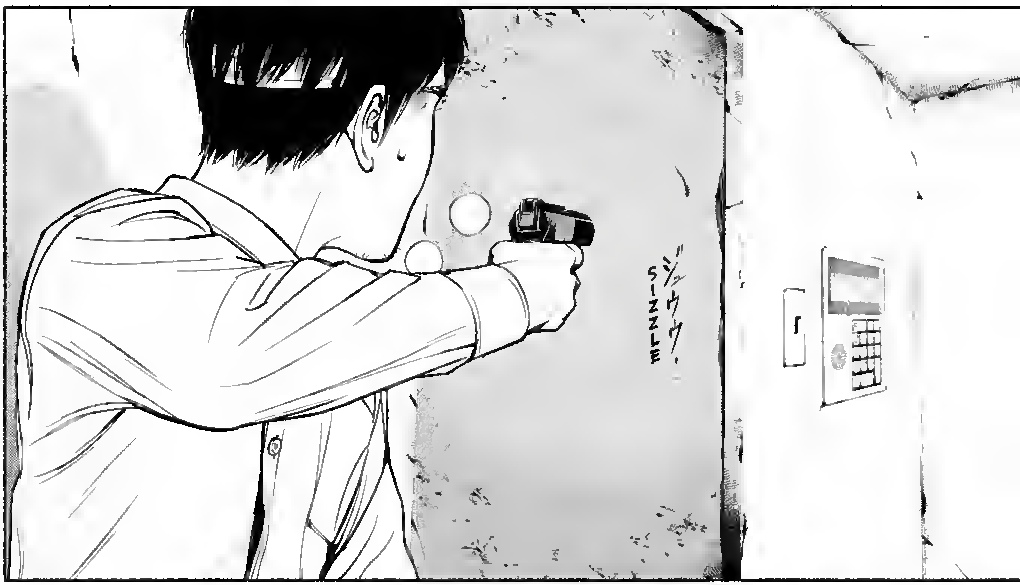
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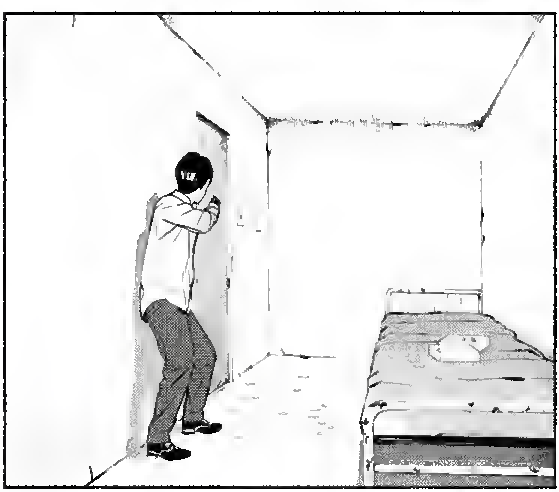

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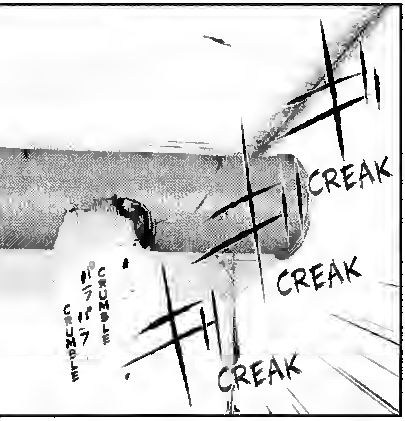
TINK
TINK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CREAK
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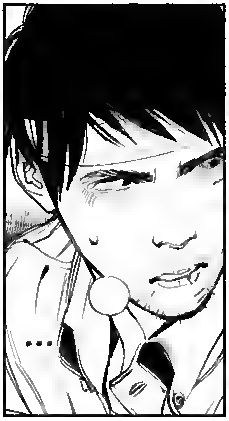
CRUMBLE
CRUMBLE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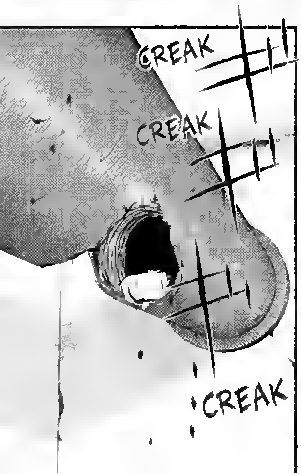
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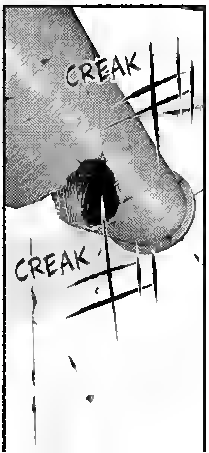
...?!
CRUMBLE
CRUMBLE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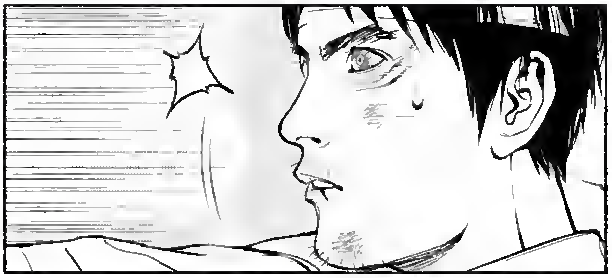
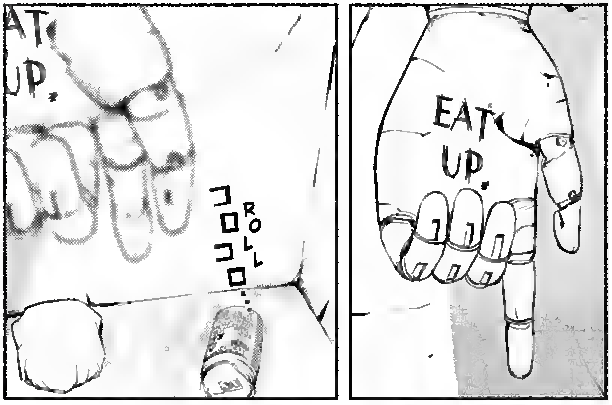


PLOP
CLUNK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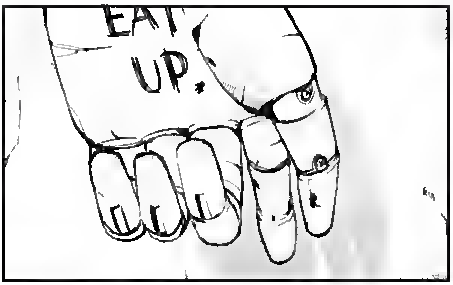
UP.
EAT
UP.

...

CREAK

COLA


EAT
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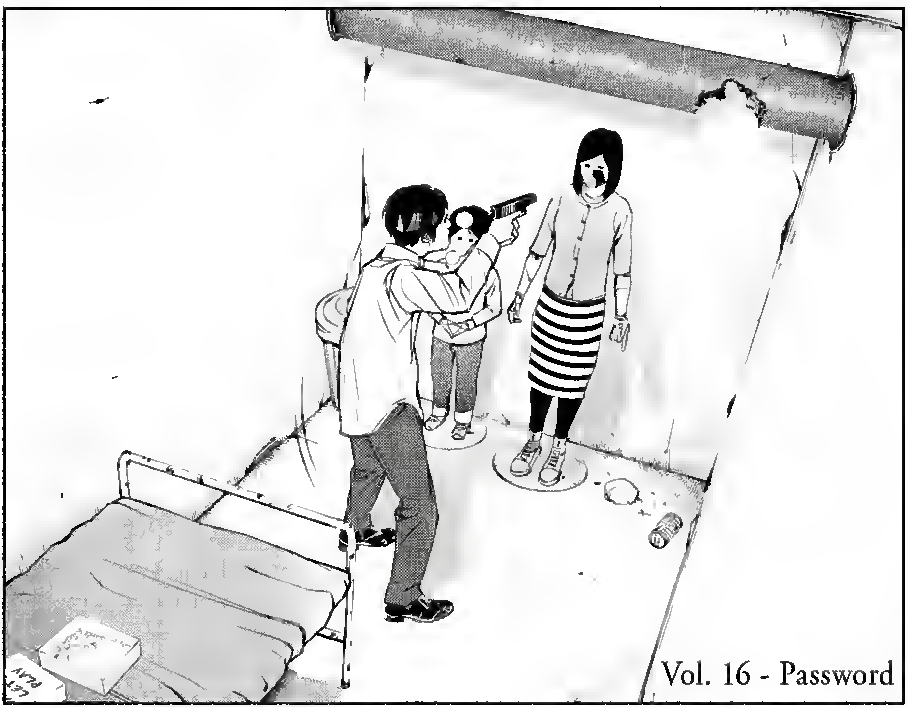
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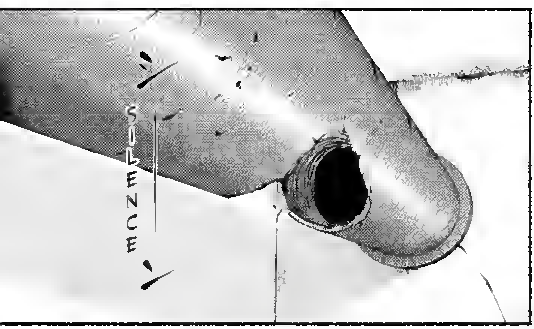

SILENCE

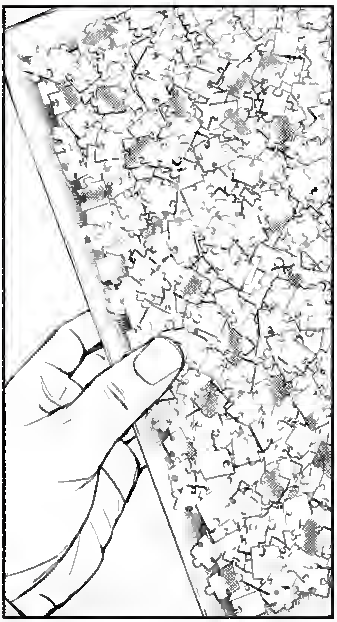
HUFF
HUFF

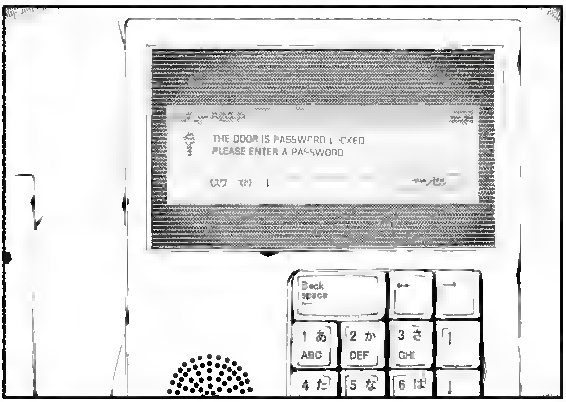
FLICKER
RUSTLE
フニャ
ピヂ
FWIP
...

TURN
チャポ…
COL
カラ
CHAP
LIFT
ヒラ…
GULP
コク
…
EAT UP.
OR IS IT POISONED …?
…IS HE BAITING ME…?
…

GRAB
...
WHAT IS HE PLANNING...?
CLUNK
God-dammit!
HUFF
HUFF
Quit skulking around and show yourself, you son of a bitch!

...
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
SLIDE




THE DOOR IS PASSWORD LOCKED
PLEASE ENTER A PASSWORD
Back space
1 あ
2 か
ABC
DEF
3 さ
GHI
4 た
5 な
6 は

パスワードの入力
THE DOOR IS PASSWORD LOCKED
PLEASE ENTER A PASSWORD
OK
パスワード(P)
キャンセル

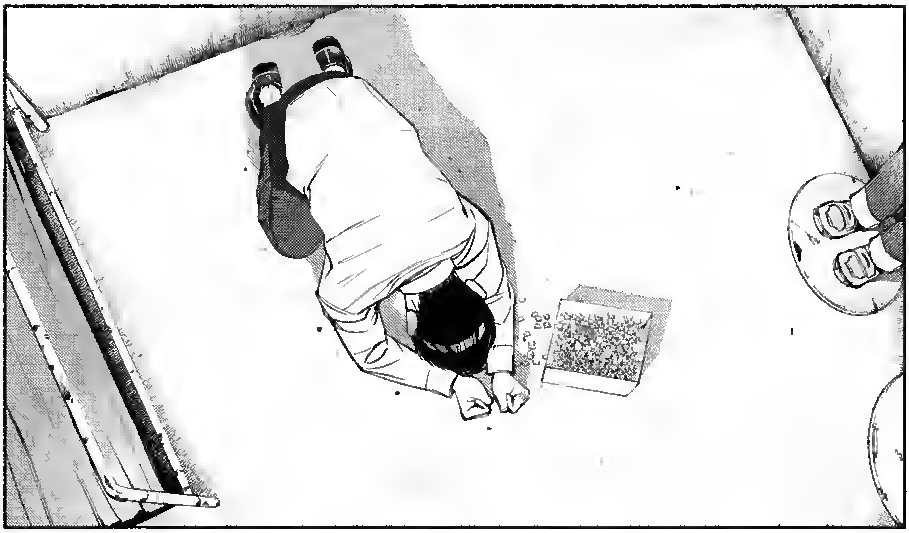
TRUSTLE

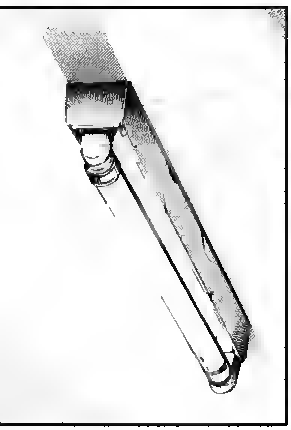
TO GET OUT OF HERE...
I'VE GOT NO CHOICE BUT TO PLAY HIS GAME.

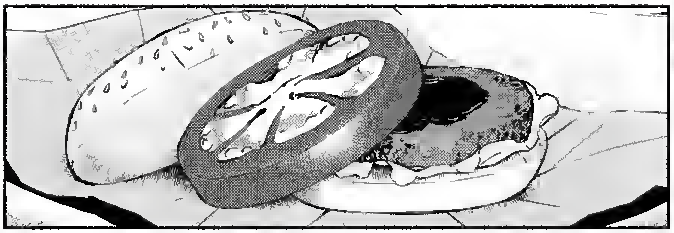
THERE MUST BE SOME MEANING BEHIND THIS PUZZLE...

CLENCH
I WAS ONE STEP AWAY...
I WAS COMING TO GET THEM BACK...!

SLAM
SO MUCH FOR NOT HANDING HIM TO THE POLICE...
AFTER ALL THAT, I GOT MYSELF IN THIS MESS...!
WHAT THE HELL AM I DOING...?!
THUD
ゴ'

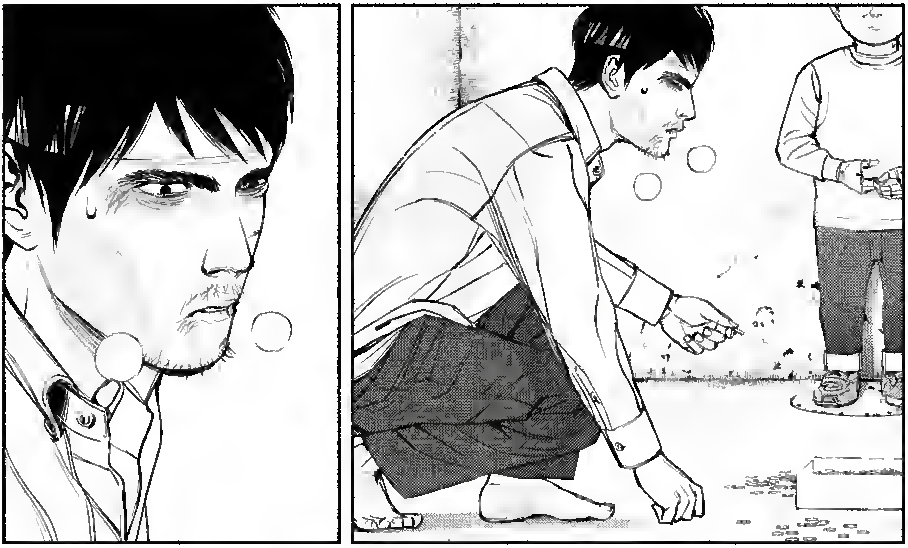


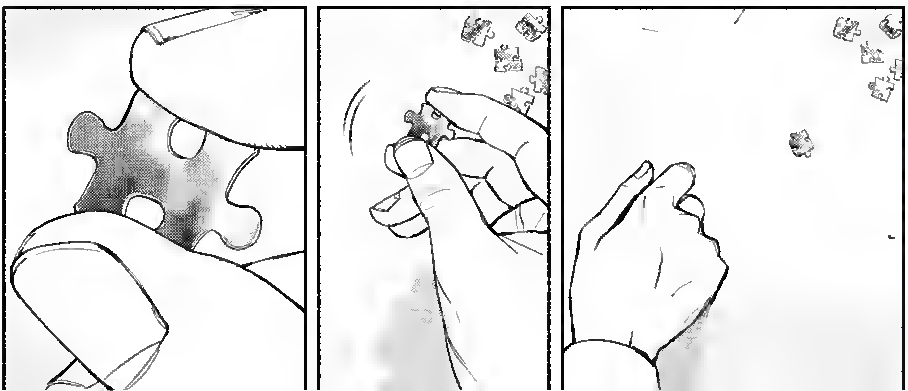




A WHOLE DAY...
TAK
NO... IT'LL TAKE MORE THAN THAT.
TAK

I FEEL LIKE I'VE SEEN THIS BEFORE...
HUH ...?





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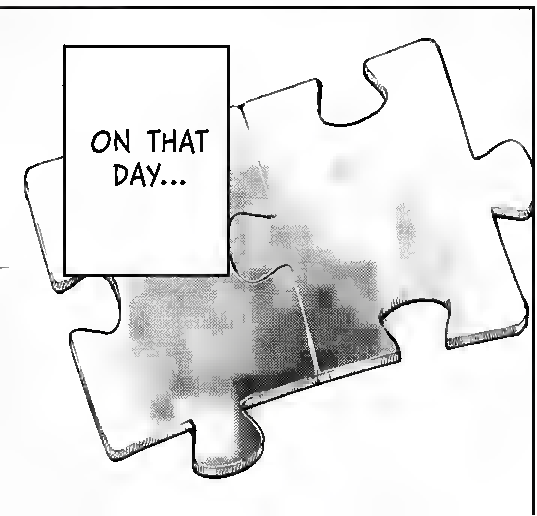
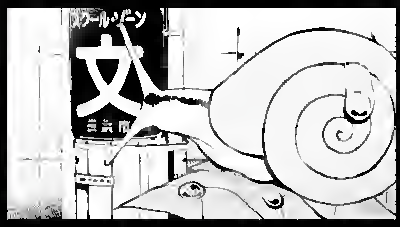
CLICK
カチッ


ON THAT DAY...

THE DAY THE NON-STOP RAIN LIFTED...



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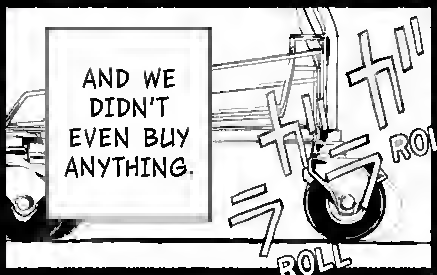
アイワイネットスー


AND WE DIDN'T EVEN BUY ANYTHING.
ROLL
ROLL

I'D WANTED TO SLEEP IN ON MY DAY OFF...

P
駐車場
...IT WAS AN UNEVENTFUL EARLY AFTERNOON.

EVEN SO, THEY SEEMED TO BE HAVING FUN...

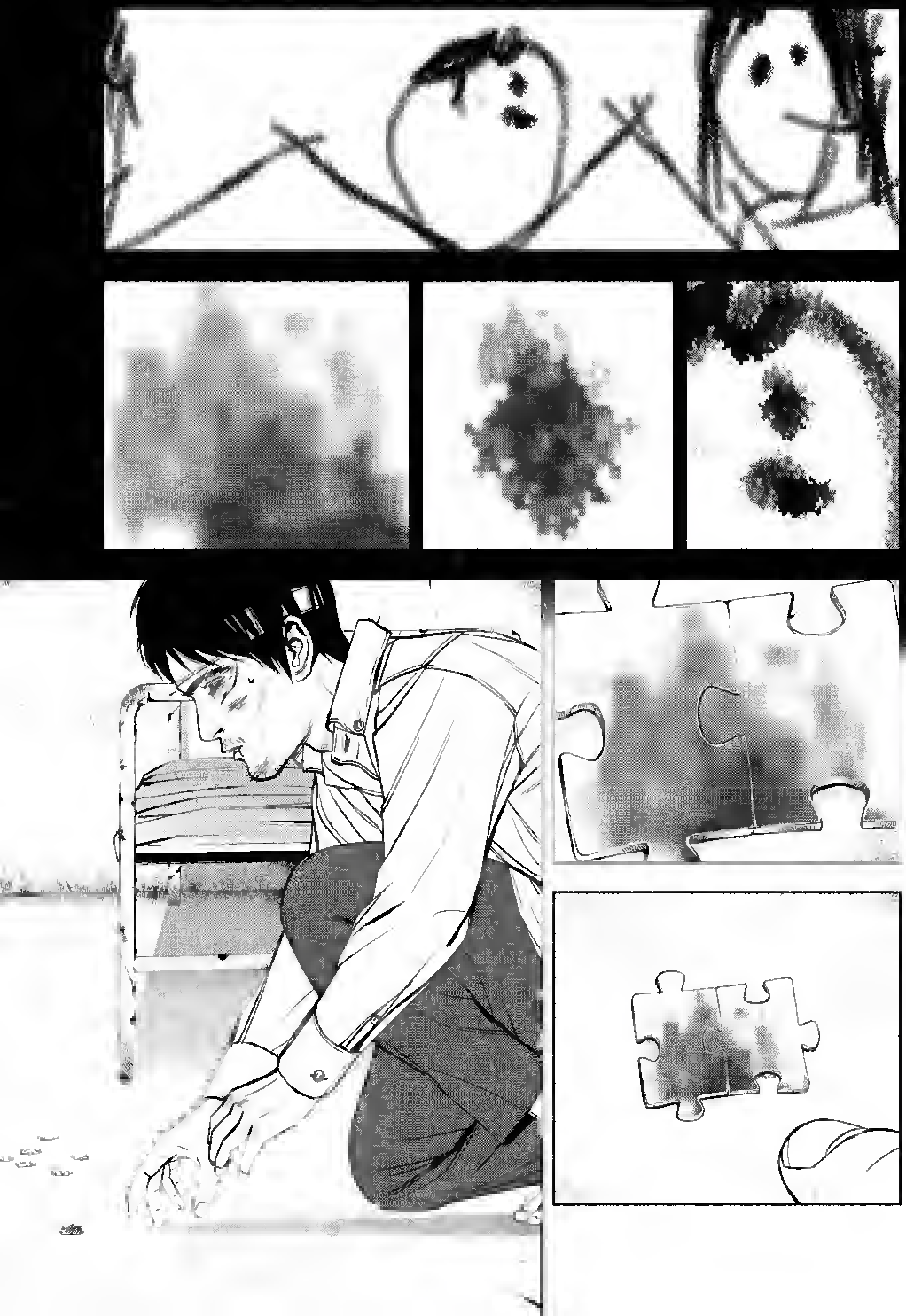
SAY, DEAR...

THREE...
TWO...
ONE...

...MM?

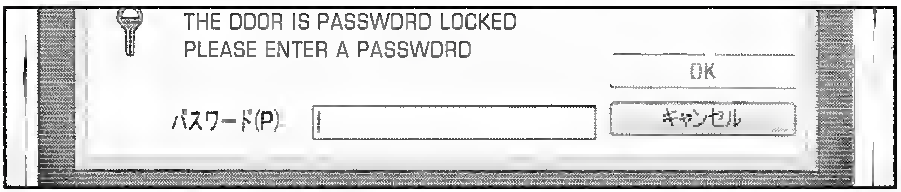
HERE WE GO, SHOUTA...

AND
JUMP!

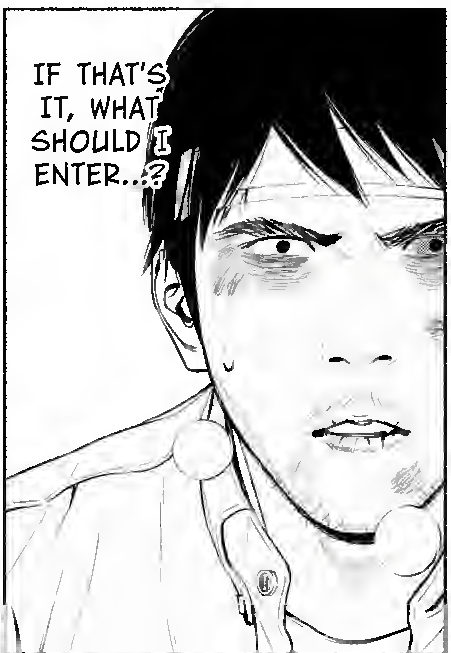


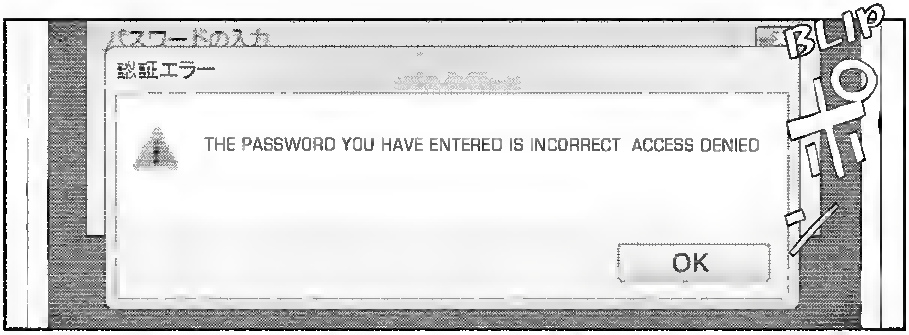
THAT PICTURE SHOUTA DREW...?

IF THAT'S IT...

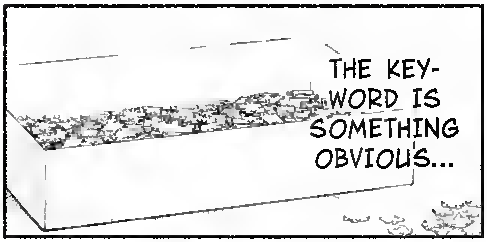

THE DOOR IS PASSWORD LOCKED
PLEASE ENTER A PASSWORD
OK
パスワード(P)
キャンセル

FAMILY? LOVE?
SHOUTA'S DRAWING? SHOUTA? HARUKA?
TAP
TAP
...WHAT IS IT?


IF THAT'S IT, WHAT SHOULD I ENTER...?


パスワードの入力
認証エラー
THE PASSWORD YOU HAVE ENTERED IS INCORRECT ACCESS DENIED
OK
BLIP

Fuck!
WHAM


THE KEY-WORD IS SOMETHING OBVIOUS...

AND I HAVE TO FIND IT...!
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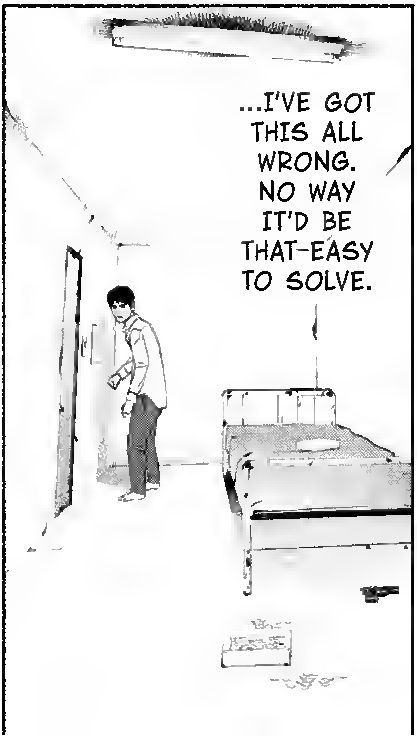
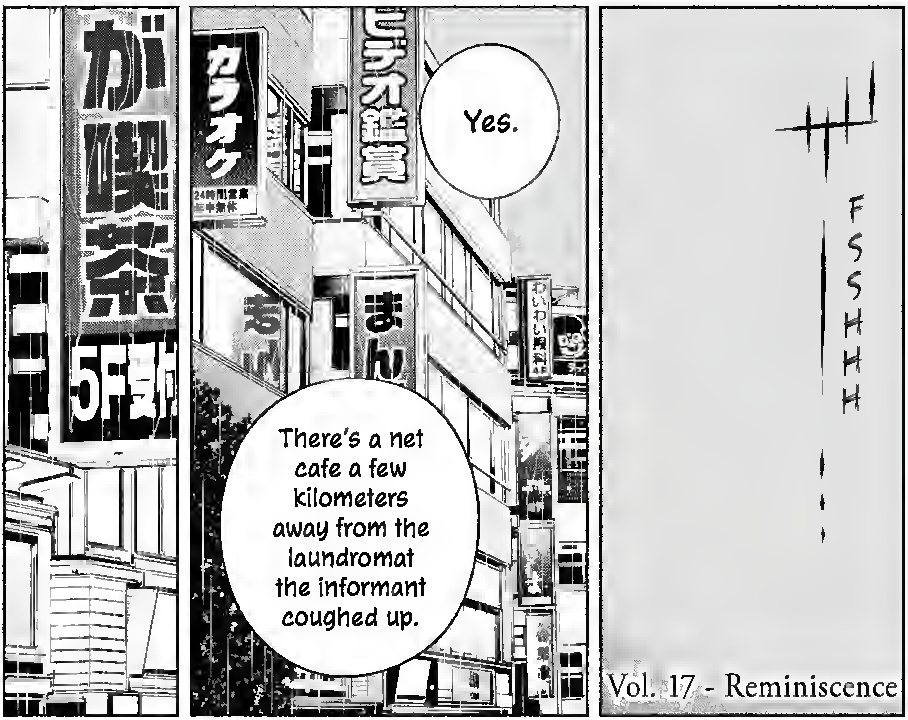

...I'VE GOT THIS ALL WRONG. NO WAY IT'D BE THAT-EASY TO SOLVE.

FSHH


Yes.
There's a net cafe a few kilometers away from the laundromat the informant coughed up.
FSSHHH...
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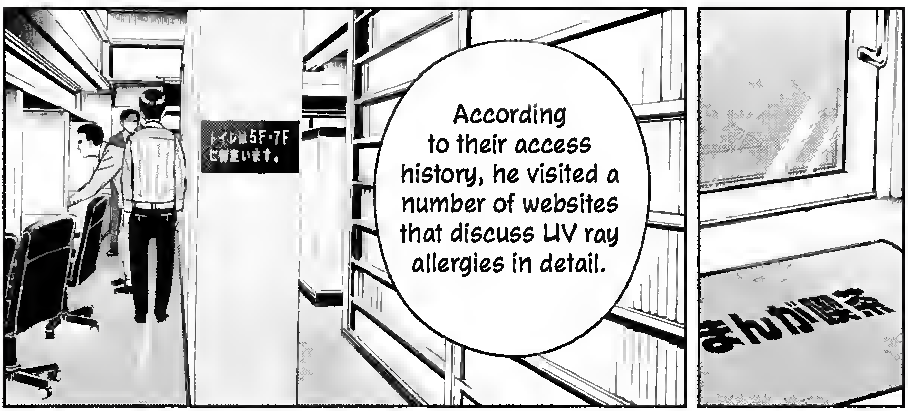
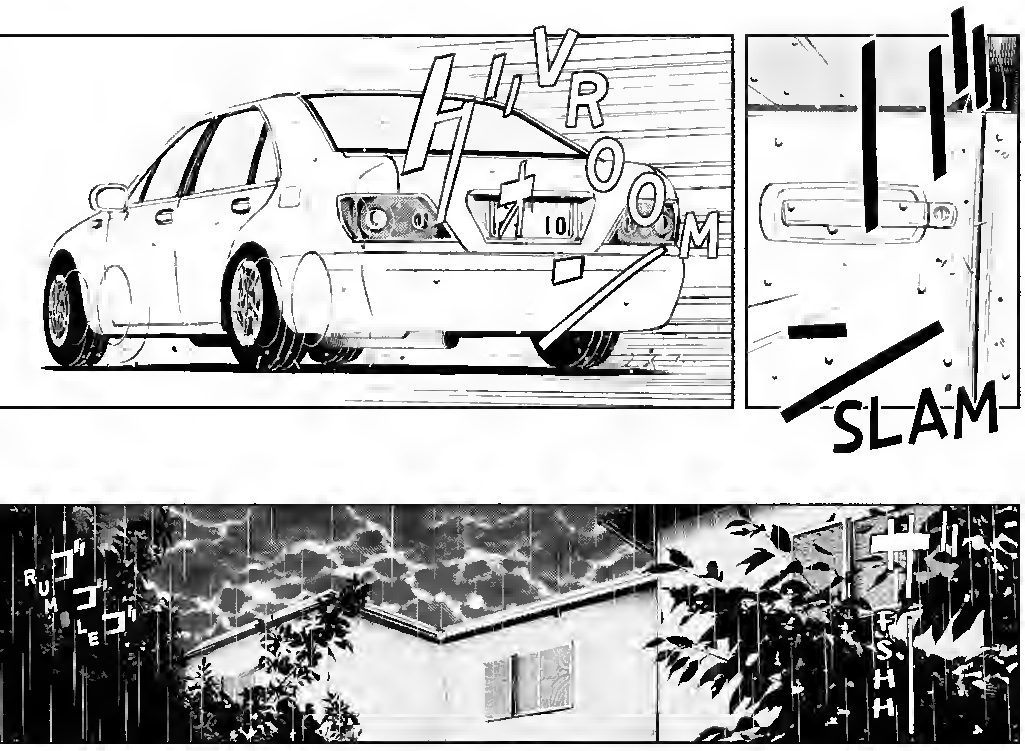

According to their access history, he visited a number of websites that discuss UV ray allergies in detail.

Ultraviolet allergies and hospitals...
YES SIR...
PRESUMABLY THE SUSPECT IS SOMEONE IN THE MEDICAL PROFESSION... OR PERHAPS...
It appears he also looked up hospitals in the Kanto area one after another that have established allergy wards.
トイレは5F・7F
に御座います。
WE ALSO HAVE RECORDS OF HERE OF WHAT HE PRINTED.
Then we'll split up and check out those hospitals Sawamura looked up!
All right. For the time being, we'll head your way posthaste.
...
A patient?
FSHH


VROOM
SLAM
ゴゴゴゴ
RUMBLE
ザー
FSHH

IT'S DEFINITELY HIDDEN HERE...
GURU
THE KEYWORD...
HUFF
HUFF
WAVER
GURUGURUGURU...
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

THUMP
SHIT... CAN'T THINK STRAIGHT.
MUFF
MUFF
...
MUFF
MUFF
PANT
PANT
GULP
ゴク...
MUFF
MUFF

GLUG
ゴク
GLUG
ゴク
GLUG
ゴク
GLUG
ゴク
GLUG
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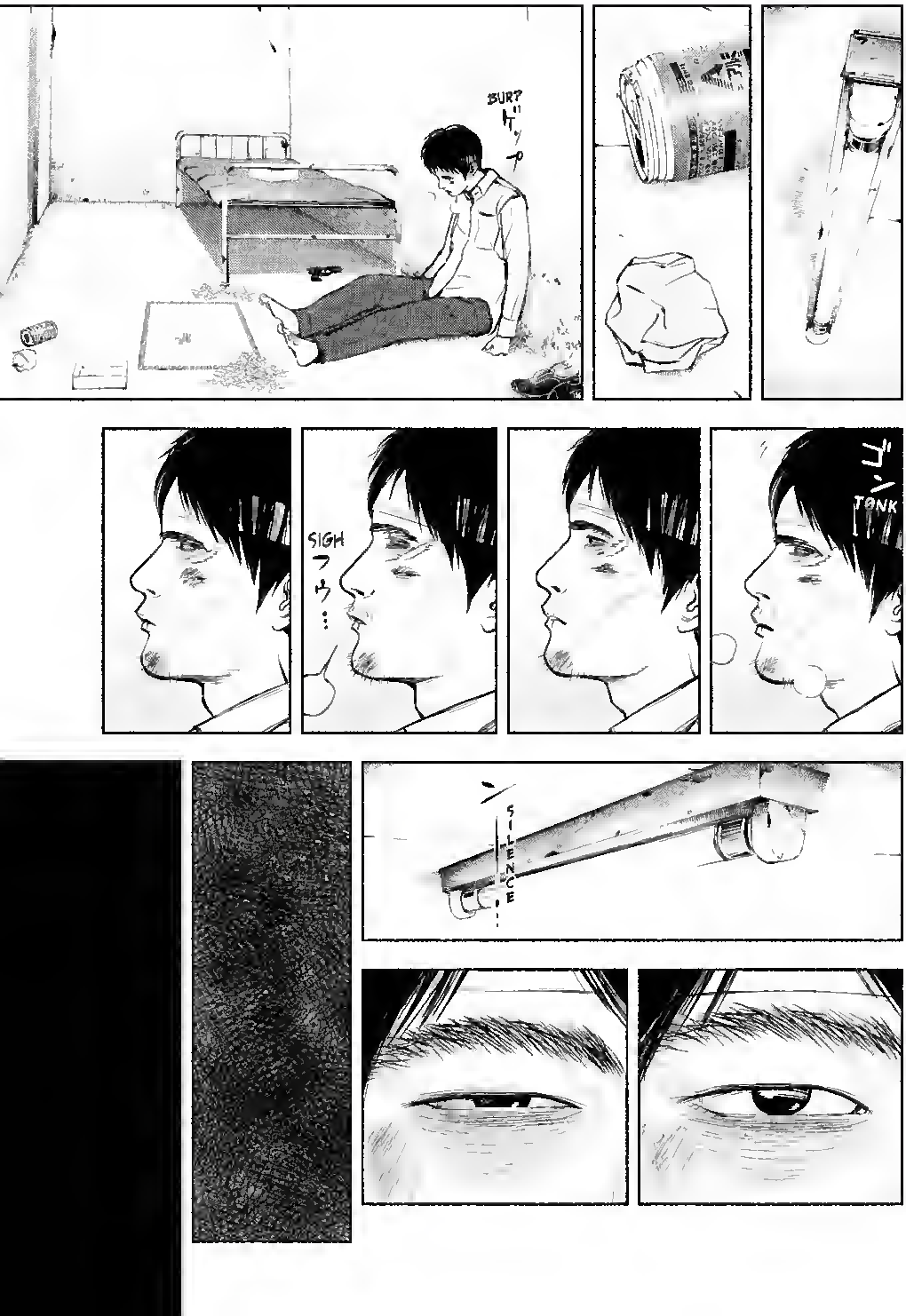
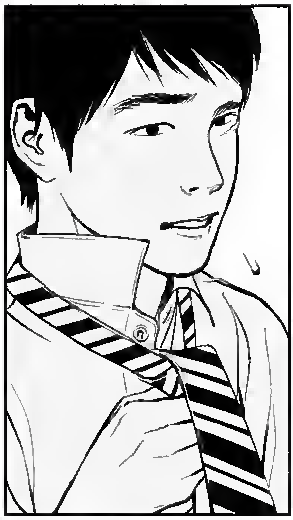
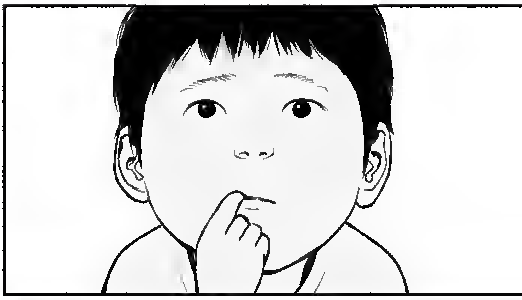
GLUG
ゴク
ンゴ
GULP
IT AIN'T POISON OR ANYTHING.
ムシャ
CHOMP
PANT
BURP
PANT
ゲー
GASP!
COUGH
COUGH
TURN
チャポ
IF HE WANTED TO KILL ME, HE WOULD HAVE DONE IT A LONG TIME AGO.

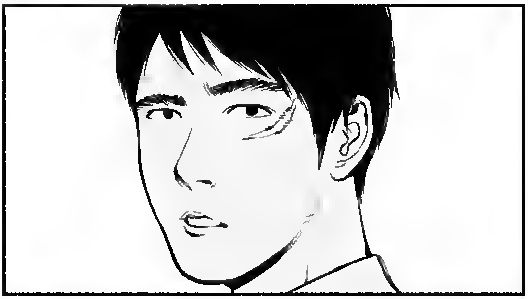

BURP
ヒック
SIGH
フゥ…
ゴン
TONK
SILENCE

I HAVE WORK TO DO...





DADDY, PLAY WITH ME?



COME ON NOW, DON'T BE SO SELFISH.

POOR SHOUTA... YOU SHOULD SPEND SOME TIME WITH HIM.

BEFORE I KNEW IT, WORK WAS MY WHOLE WORLD... AND MY FAMILY PLAYED SECOND FIDDLE.

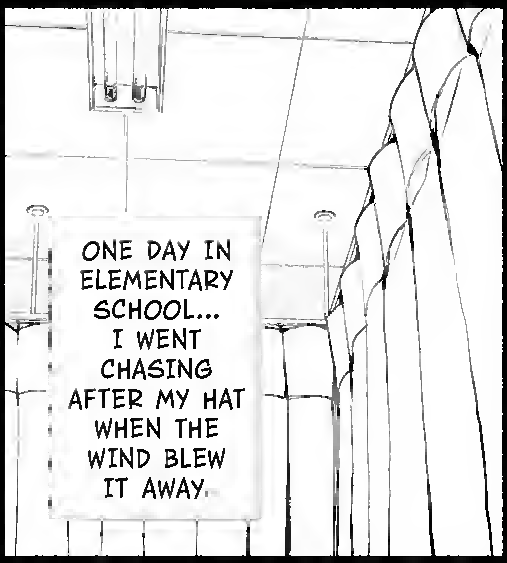
*Surgery in progress

*Tsuruoka General Hospital

CLICK
手術

"Surgery in

Hisashi!
Hisashi!


ONE DAY IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL... I WENT CHASING AFTER MY HAT WHEN THE WIND BLEW IT AWAY.

WHEN I REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS, THE TEARS STARTED ALL OVER AGAIN...
BY MY SIDE WAS MY MOTHER. TEARS STREAMING DOWN HER FACE.

I SPENT SEVERAL DAYS IN THE HOSPITAL.
BUT MY FATHER NEVER CAME TO SEE ME.
HE WAS A POLICEMAN.
AS A WORKING MAN, HE WASN'T OFTEN AT HOME. WHEN WE DID SEE HIM...
...YOU COULD BET HE HAD A GLOOMY EXPRESSION ON HIS FACE.
PRESENTS? FAMILY PHOTOS? A CONVERSATION? RARE AT BEST.
TIME SPENT AS A FAMILY? NON-EXISTENT.

WINTER OF MY 3RD YEAR OF MIDDLE SCHOOL...
MY MOM, WHO SUPPORTED MY UNRELIABLE FATHER...
...AND WHO ALWAYS HAD MY BACK, COLLAPSED.
I know Pops will come running soon, so just hang in there!
Hang in there, Mom!
Hey! Mom!
BEEP
Be strong, Mom!

BY THE TIME MY FATHER SHOWED UP...
...FIVE HOURS HAD PASSED SINCE SHE DREW HER LAST BREATH.
SNIFFLE
ヒック
IN MY YOUTH, I REJECTED HIM.
WE STOPPED SPEAKING TO EACH OTHER.

SPRING...
KIRIN
THREE SPRINGS PASSED SINCE MY MOM DIED...
羽高等学校

MOM...
I'LL NEVER UNDER-STAND IT.
NOT ONE BIT.
WERE YOU HAPPY BEING WITH POPS...?
WHAT DID YOU SEE IN A MAN LIKE HIM...?
CLASS 3-2 HISASHI SAWAMURA! PLEASE REPORT TO THE FACULTY ROOM IMMEDIATELY!
I REPEAT, CLASS 3-2...
DING DONG
DING DONG

What's the deal... Calling me out on the public broadcast like that...
FACULTY OFFICE

Sawamura... I need you to stay calm and listen closely.
A call just came to the school from the police
PAT
My uh... stomach hurt, so I've been on the can this whole—

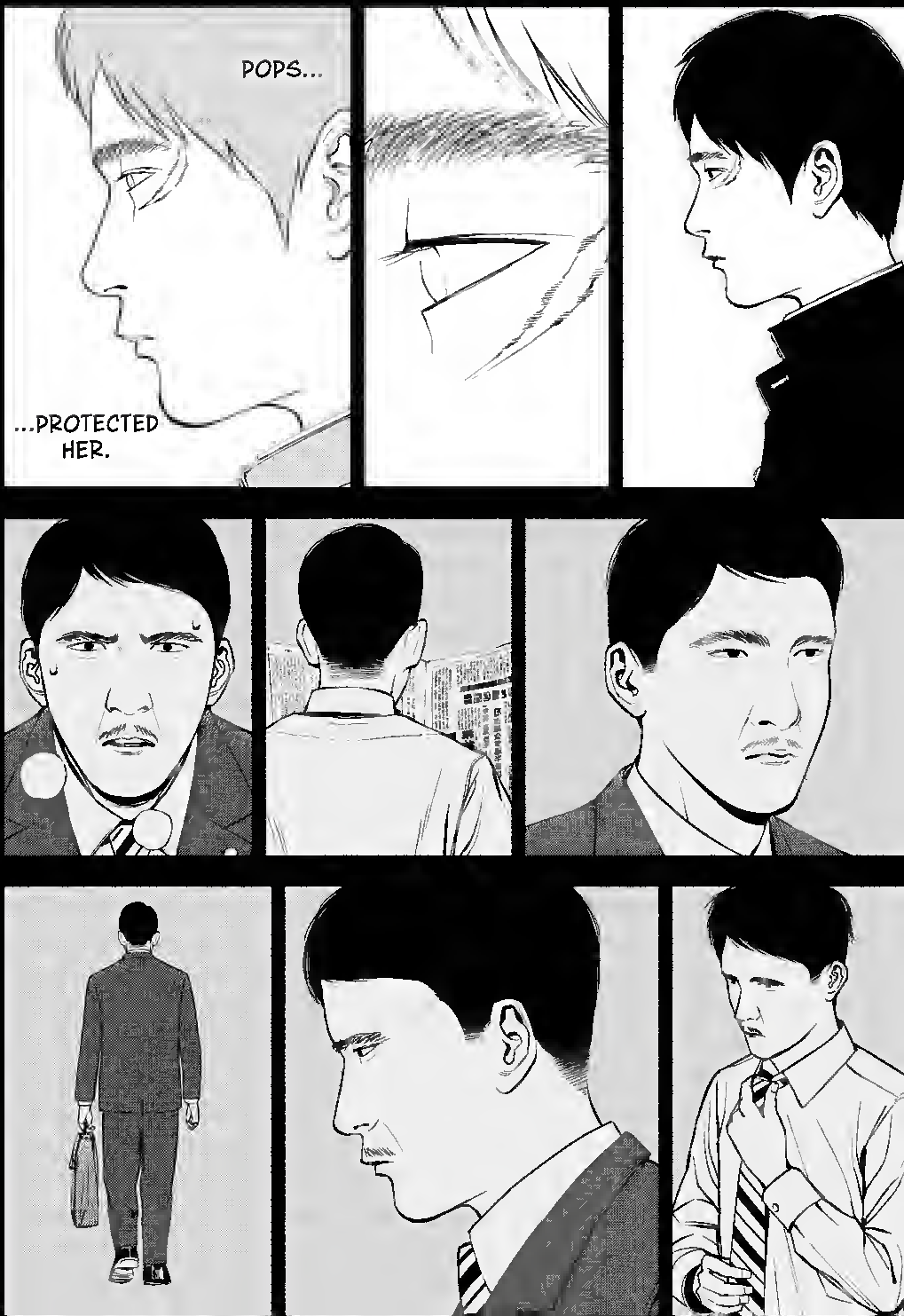
It seems he's been taken to a hospital.
Your father was stabbed while on duty.

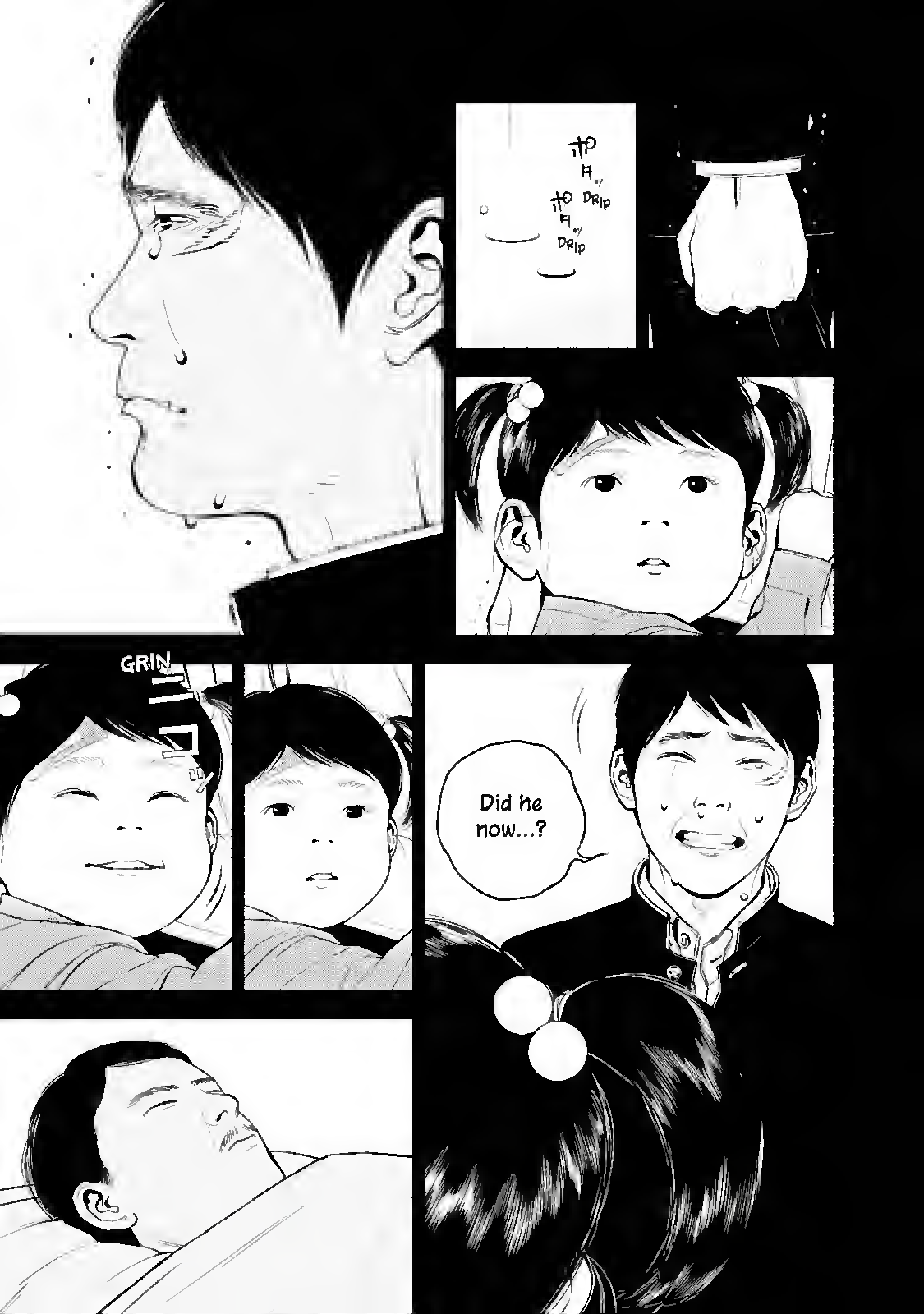
大学病院
University
霊安室
Mortuary

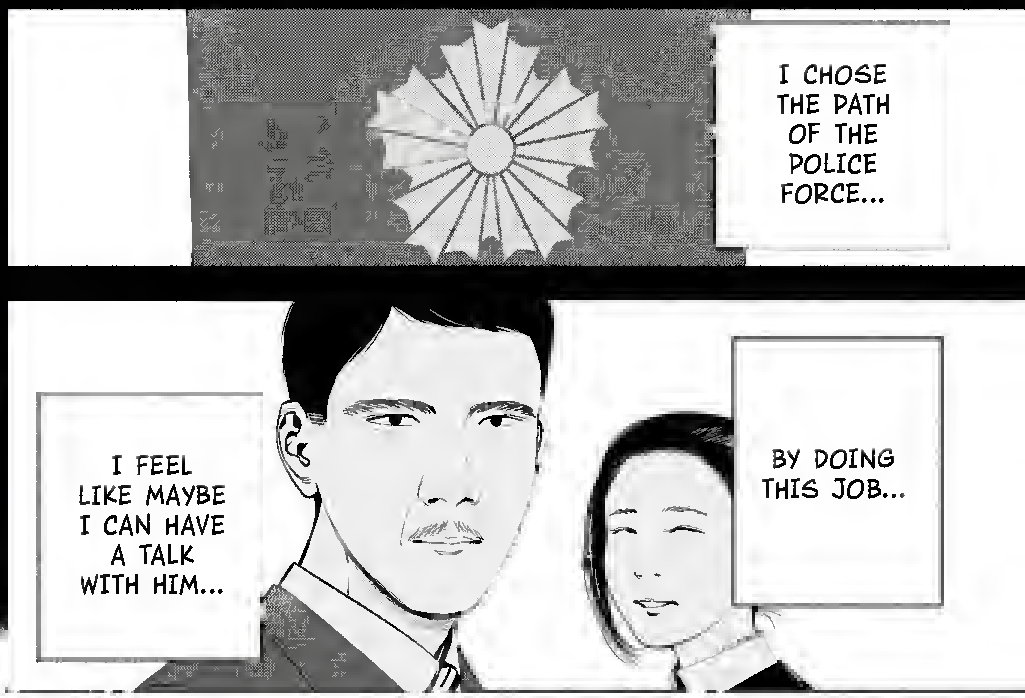
They said you were rescuing hostages in a robbery...
Your colleagues told me what happened.
AND NOW I COULD NEVER SPEAK TO HIM AGAIN...

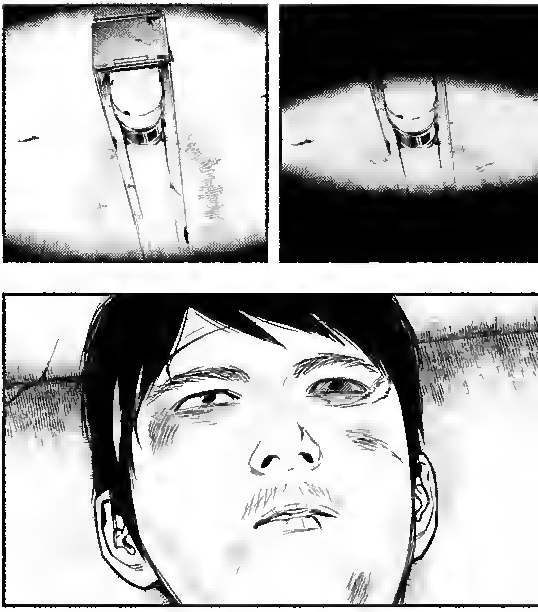
Excuse me, are you Sawamura-san's son?
CHACK
チャン
Your father, he... saved my daughter.
...
Yes.
...
Um... Forgive me for approaching you in such a difficult time...
...

OH. THEY MUST BE THE ONES WHO...
DAUGHTER ...?
It's cuz I wanna say thanks.
Y'know what Mister did?
He protected me!


POPS...
...PROTECTED HER.


DRIP
DRIP
GRIN
Did he now...?





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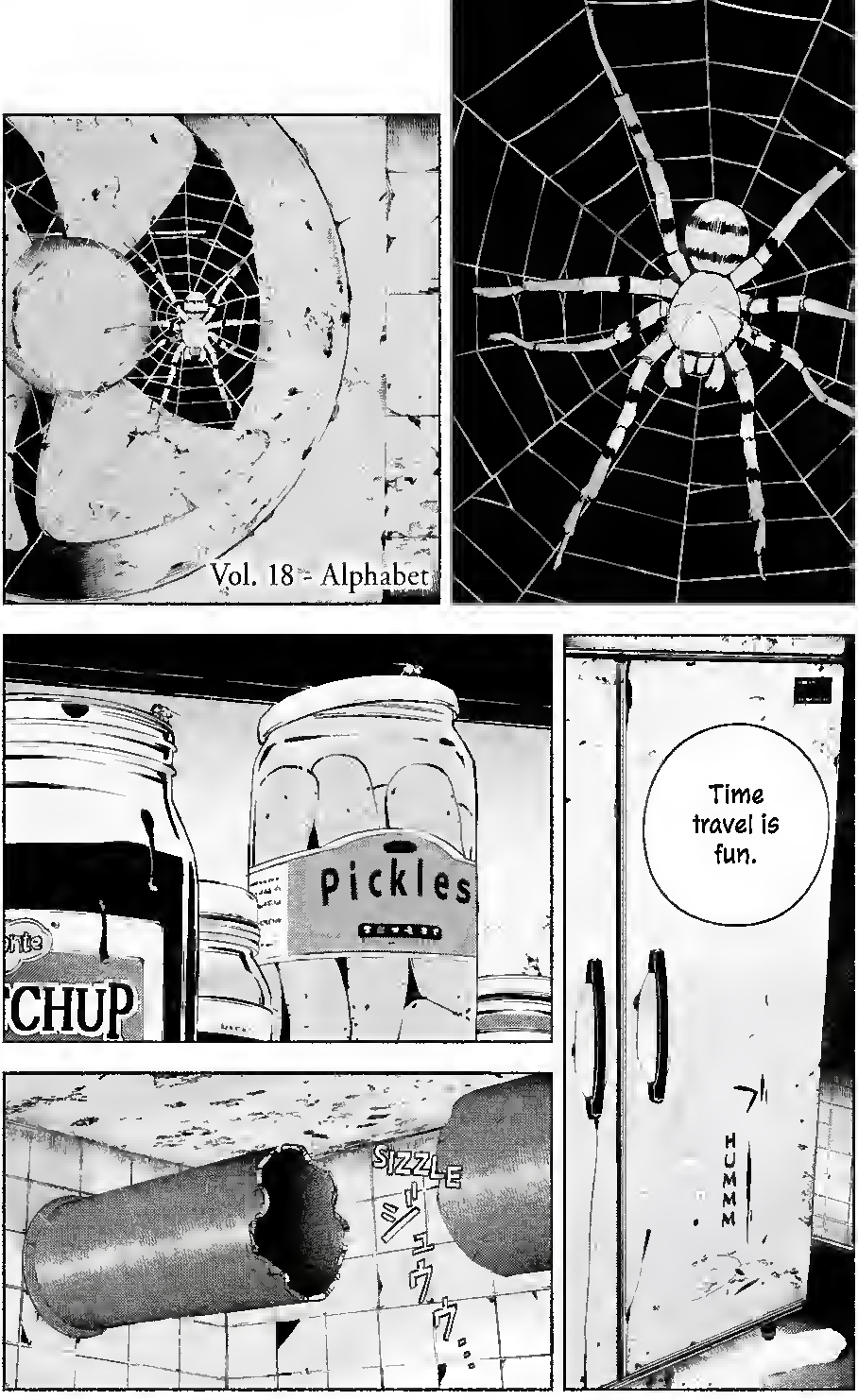
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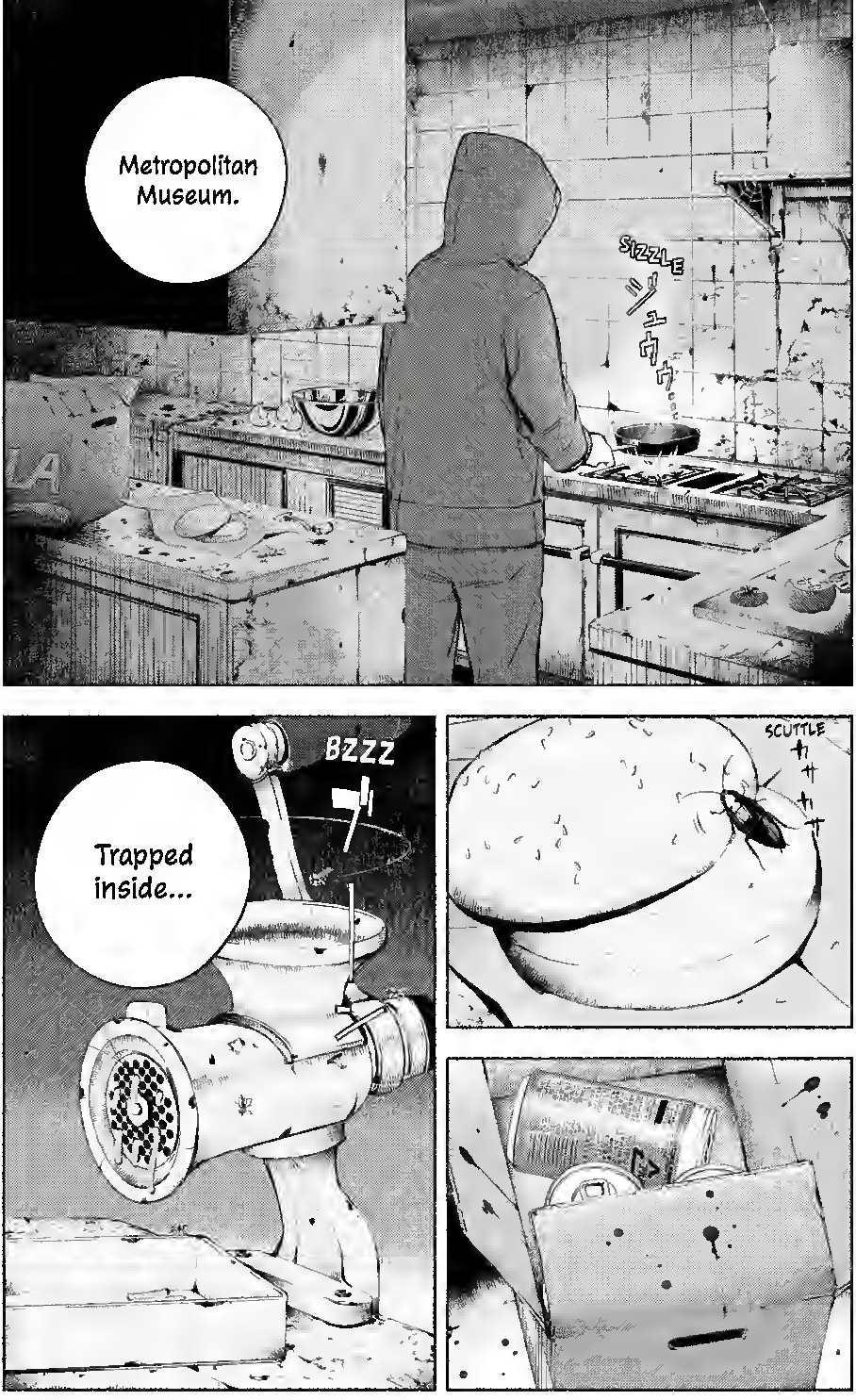
pickles
CHUP
SIZZLE
ジュウウ...
Time travel is fun.
HUMMM


Metropolitan Museum.
SIZZLE
ジュウウ
BZZZ
Trapped inside...
SCUTTLE

ジュウジュウ
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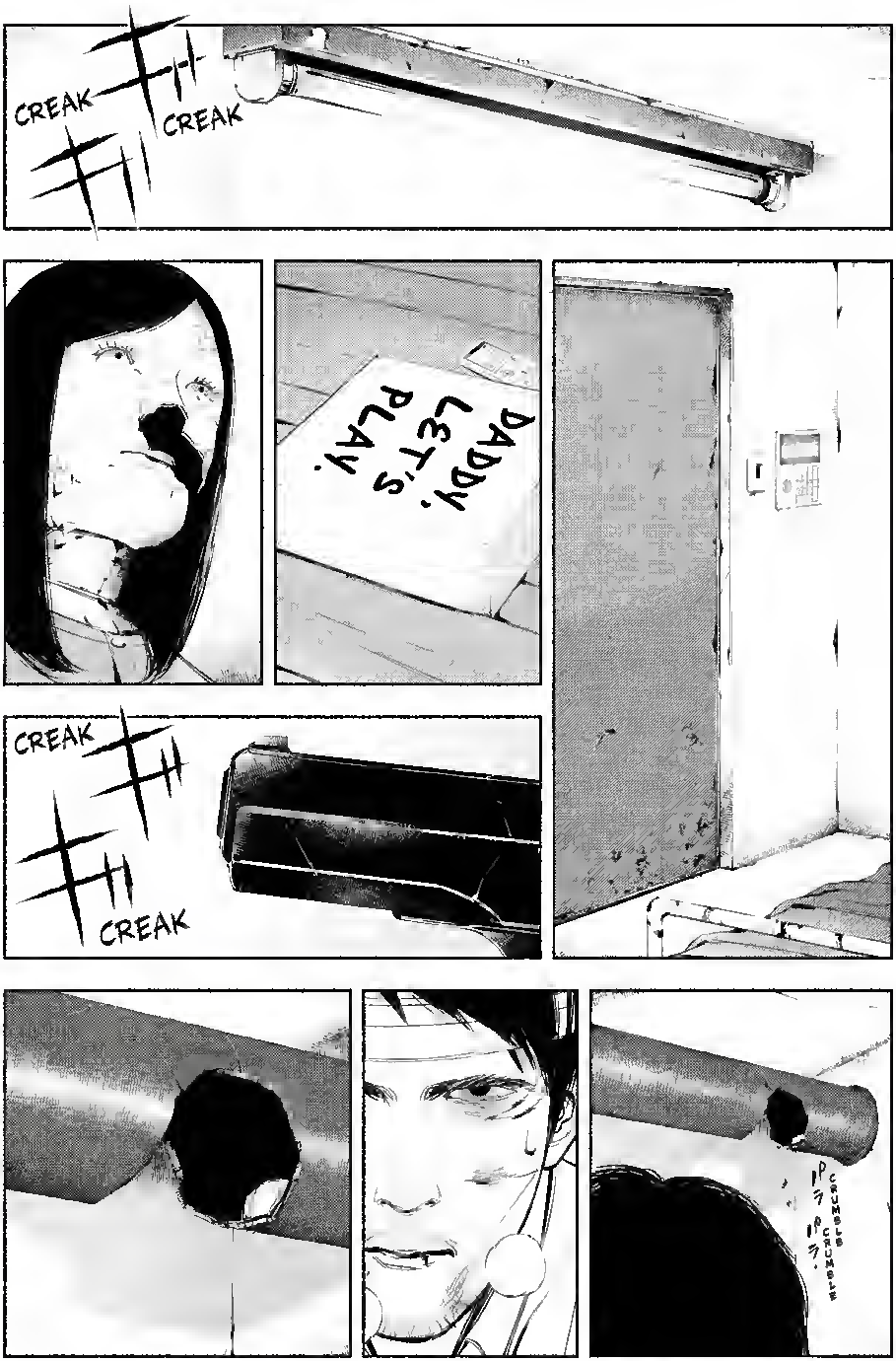
ジューシーバーガー
Of my favorite painting.
CRACKLE
CRACKLE

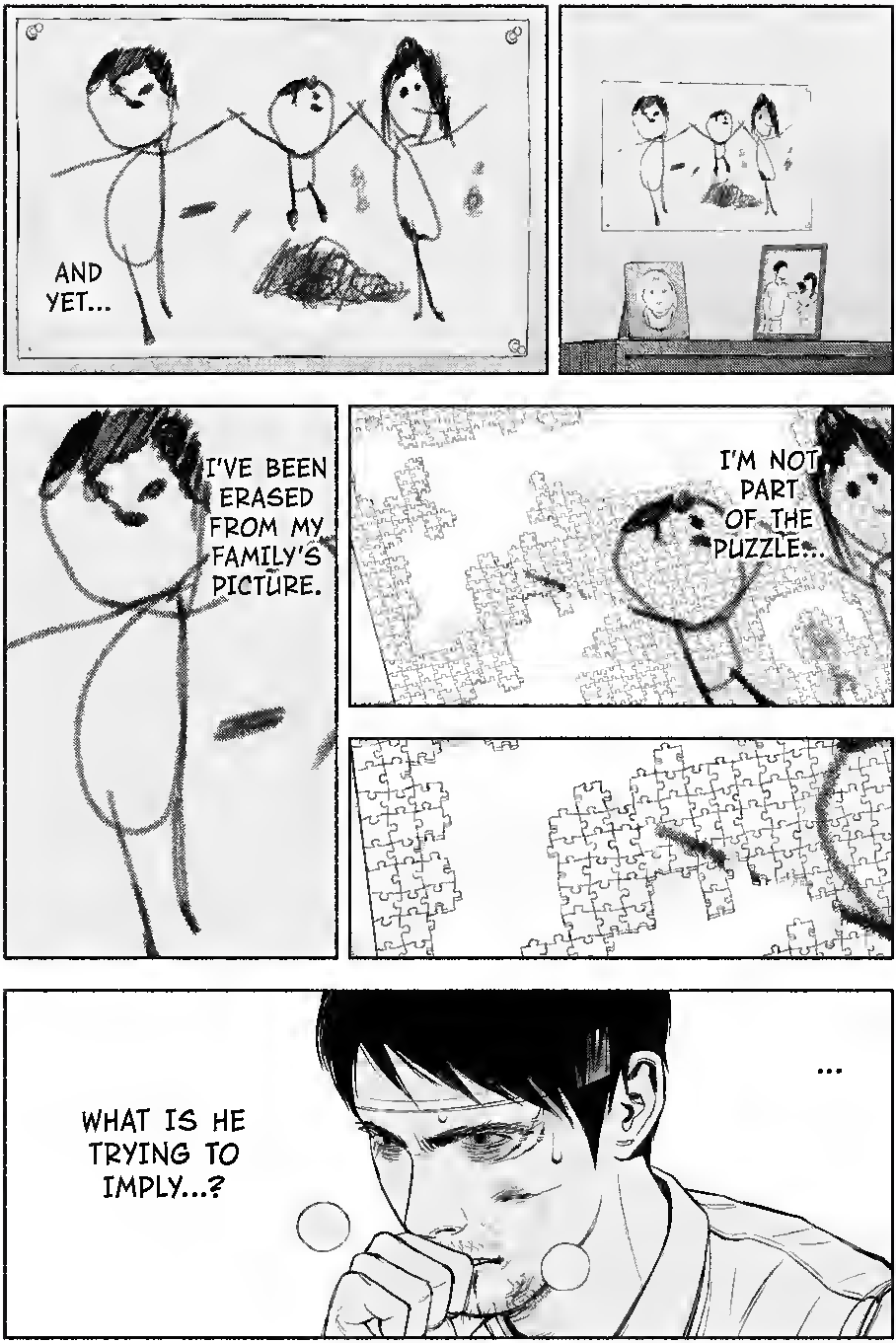

CREAK
CREAK
DADDY, LET'S PLAY.
CREAK
CREAK
CRUNCH CRUNCH

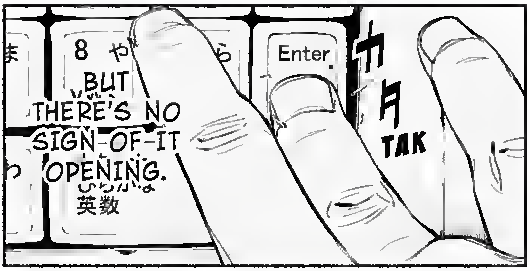
THUMP
CLUNK
CREAK
THIS IS THE FOURTH MEAL.
EVERY FEW HOURS, A SHITTY HAMBURGER AND LUKE-WARM SODA.

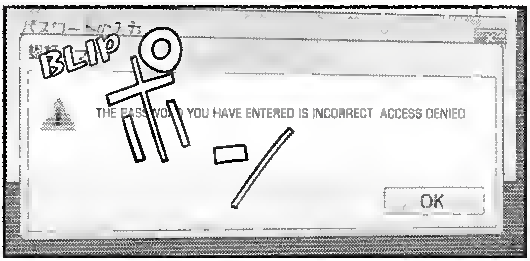
CLANG
They're safe, aren't they! Well?!
They're alive, aren't they?!
I know you're still there!
Give me a fucking break, you freakshow!
Let me hear their voices!
You bring Haruka and Shouta here right now!

Say some-thing, you fuck!
Don't you dare stay quiet! Answer my fucking questions!
CLANG
GRR
HUFF
HUFF

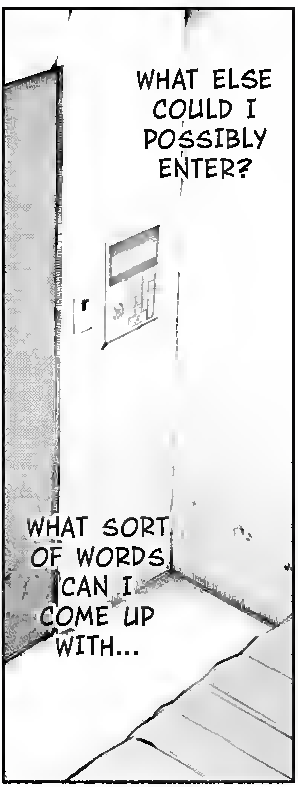
JUST HOW LONG HAVE I BEEN TRAPPED HERE...?
I'VE PUT TOGETHER MORE THAN HALF THE PIECES.
THIS IS THE PICTURE SHOUTA DREW...
WHAT'S COMING UP IS UNMIS-TAKABLE.

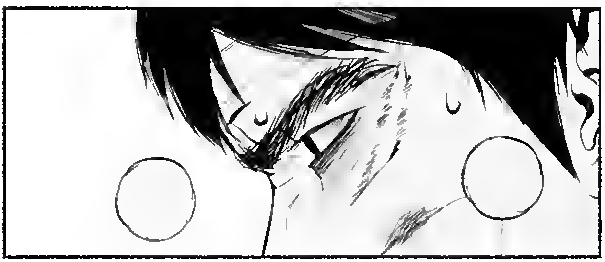

AND YET...
I'VE BEEN ERASED FROM MY FAMILY'S PICTURE.
I'M NOT PART OF THE PUZZLE...
WHAT IS HE TRYING TO IMPLY...?
...





...FOR THE ANSWER TO THE DOOR?





THUD
What the fuck is it?!
THUD
Fuck!
THUD
GRIND
What is it?!
THUD
HUFF
HUFF
DRIP
DRIP
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
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HUFF
HUFF
DRIP

#UFF
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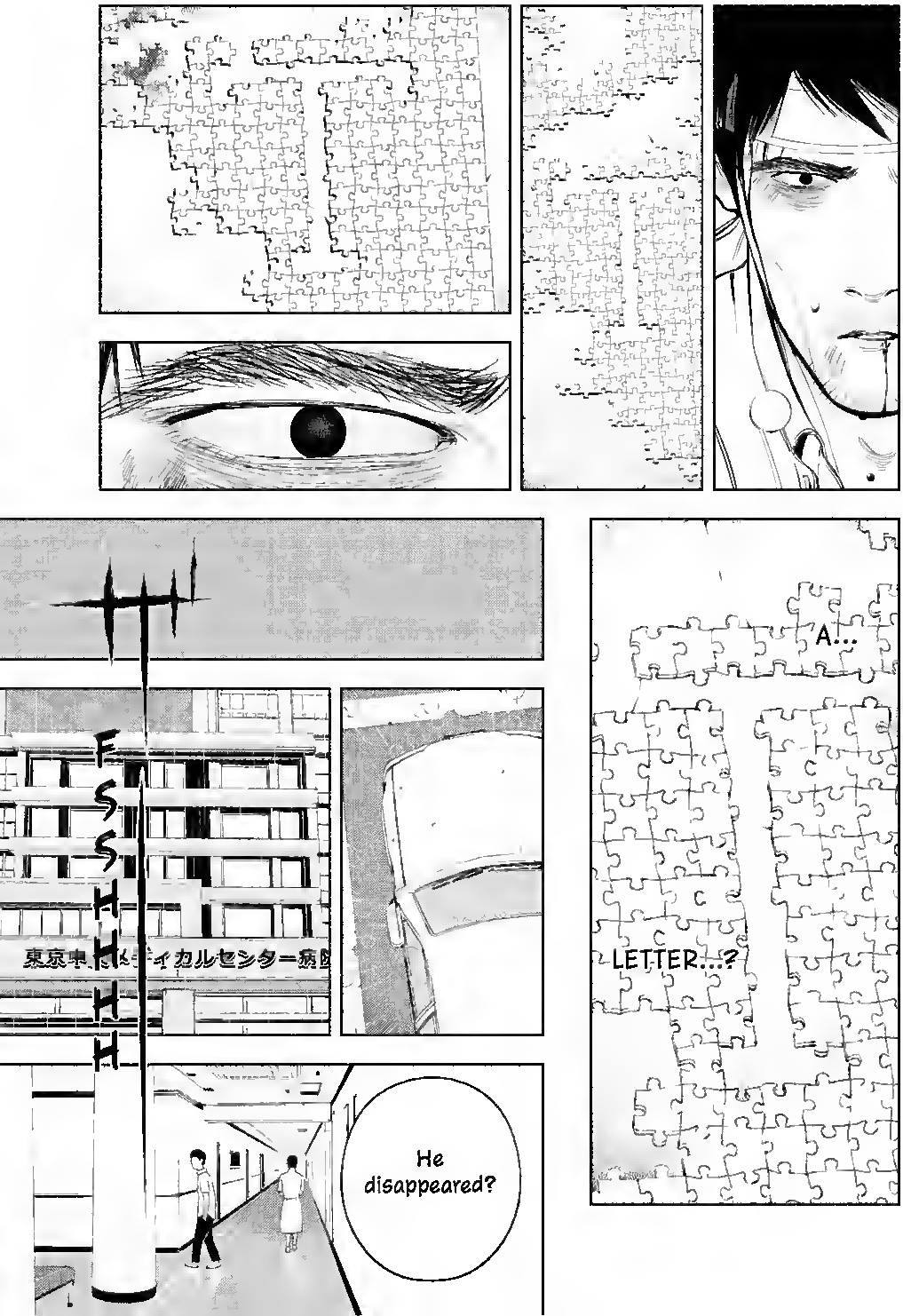
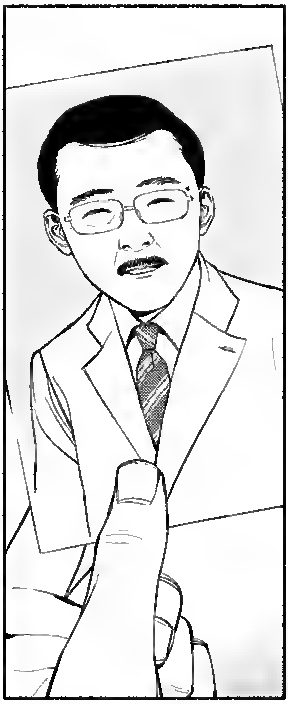
#UFF

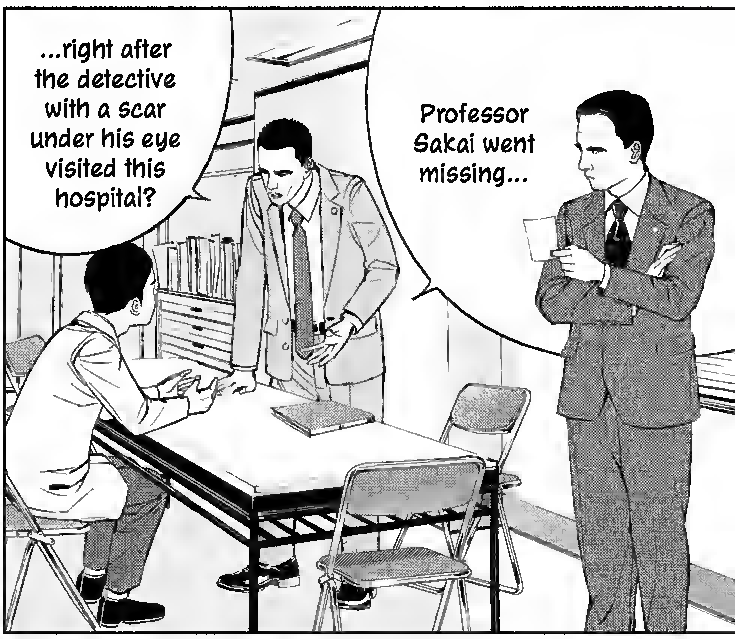

A...
LETTER...?
FSSHHHHH
He disappeared?

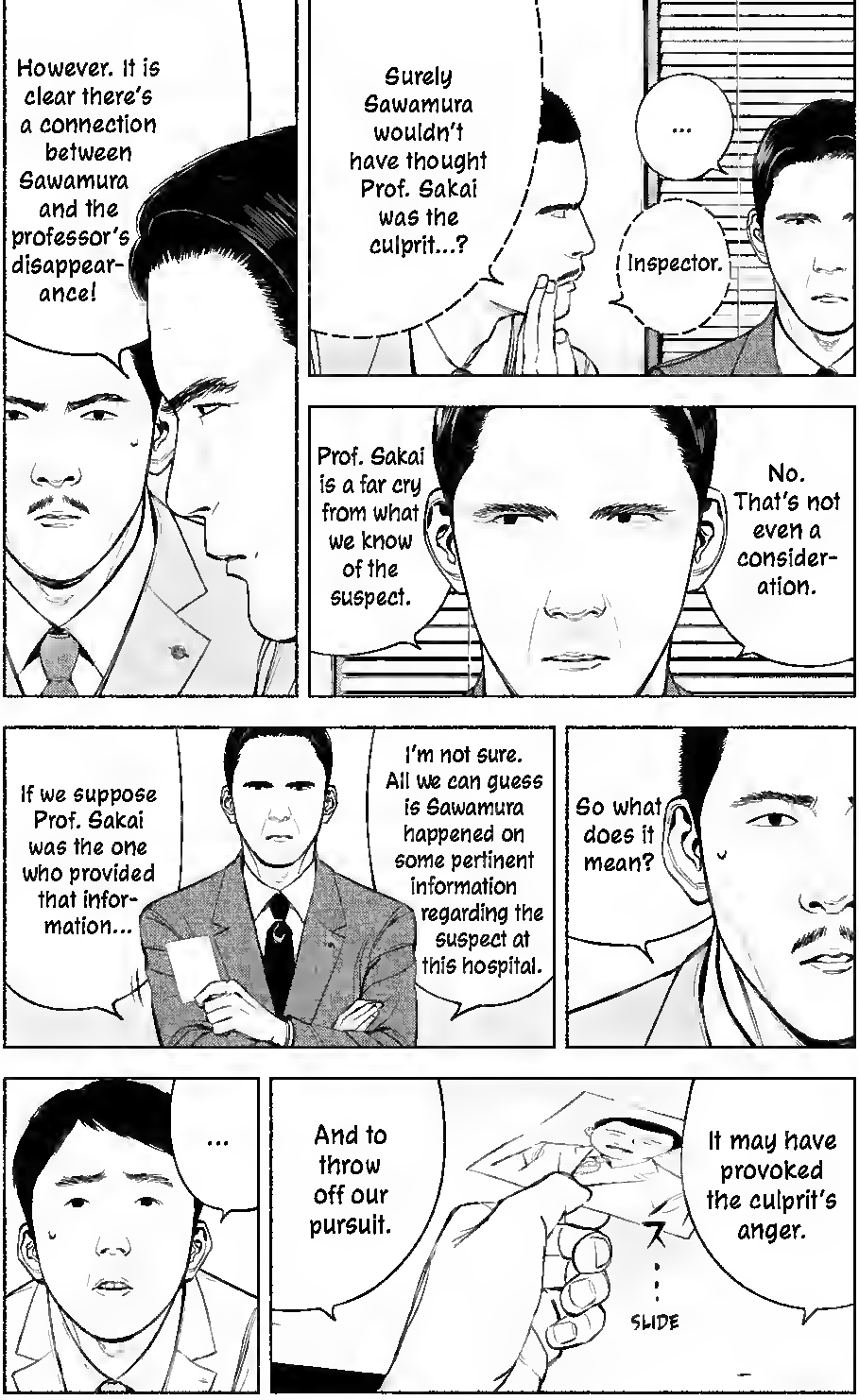
Yes.
Two days ago.
And we have no idea where he may have gone...



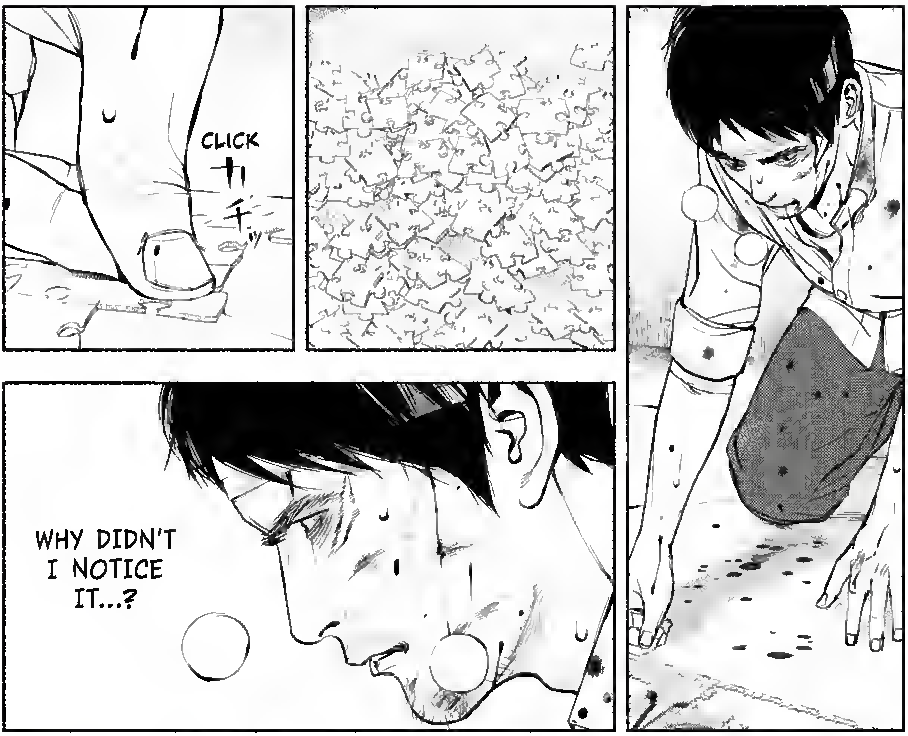
In other words...

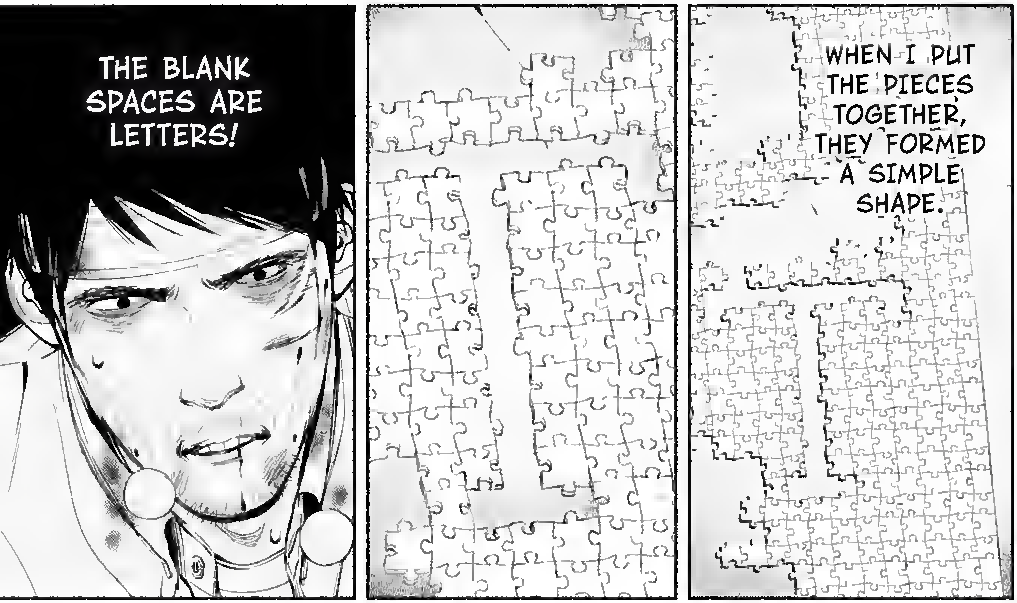
Yes.
You could say that!

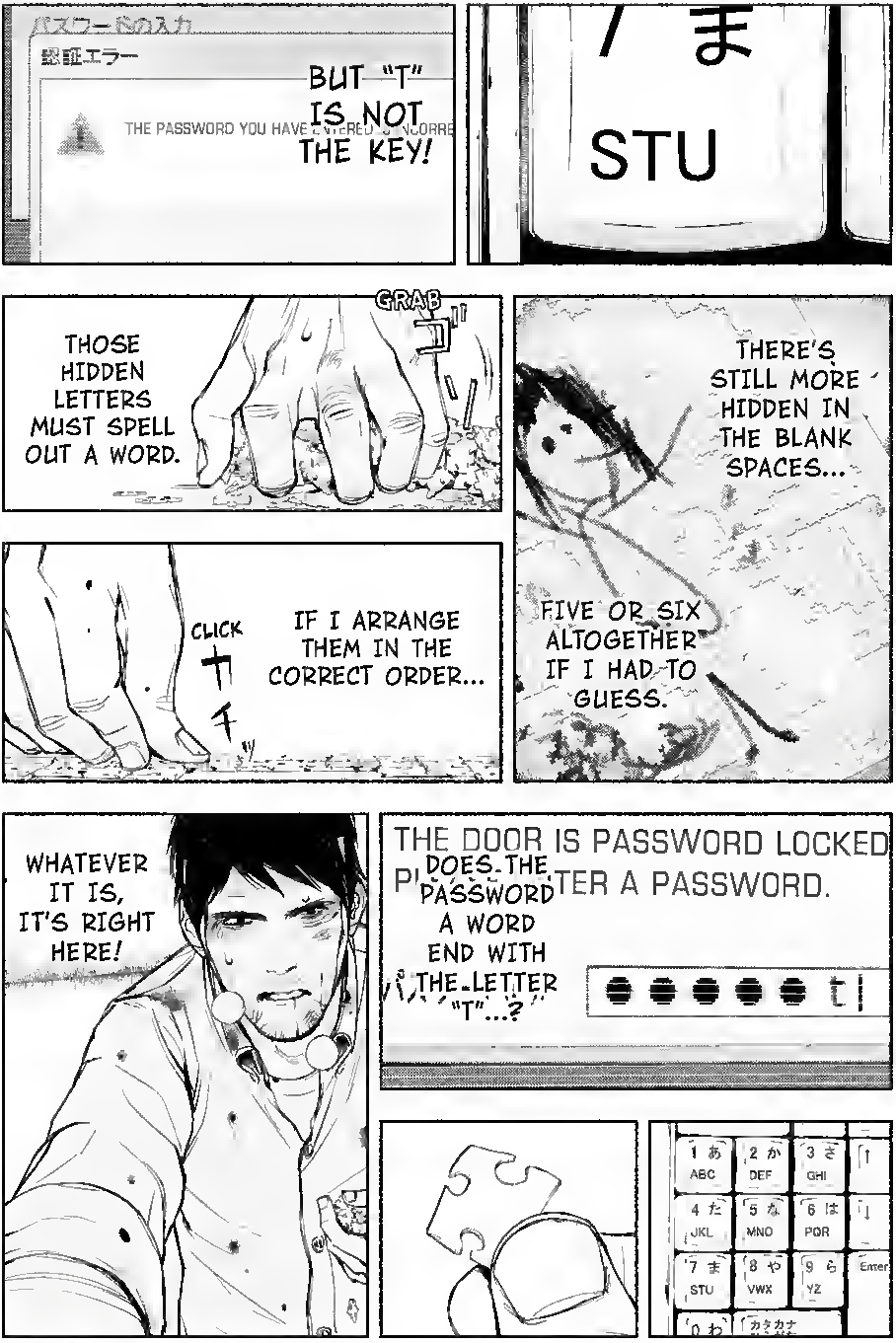

...right after the detective with a scar under his eye visited this hospital?
Professor Sakai went missing...


However. It is clear there's a connection between Sawamura and the professor's disappear-ance!
Surely Sawamura wouldn't have thought Prof. Sakai was the culprit...?
...
Inspector.
Prof. Sakai is a far cry from what we know of the suspect.
No. That's not even a consider-ation.
If we suppose Prof. Sakai was the one who provided that infor-mation...
I'm not sure. All we can guess is Sawamura happened on some pertinent information regarding the suspect at this hospital.
So what does it mean?
...
And to throw off our pursuit.
It may have provoked the culprit's anger.
SLIDE

Would you please pick out anybody who might fit these criteria. Doctors, nurses, patients, or anyone else really.
SLIDE
Doctor... sorry to trouble you, but I'll need you to take a look at our sketch and profile of the suspect.
Anyhow ...
FWIP
You, gather the rest of the squad and prepare a warrant!
FSHH
Roger!
東京中央メディカルセ

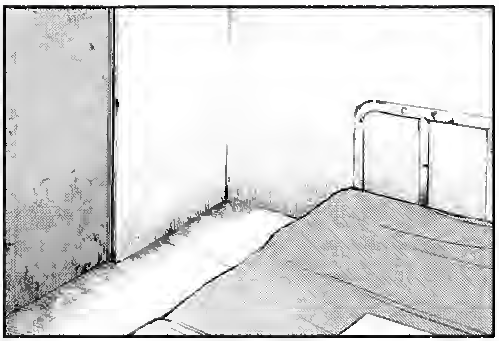

CLICK
カチ
WHY DIDN'T I NOTICE IT...?

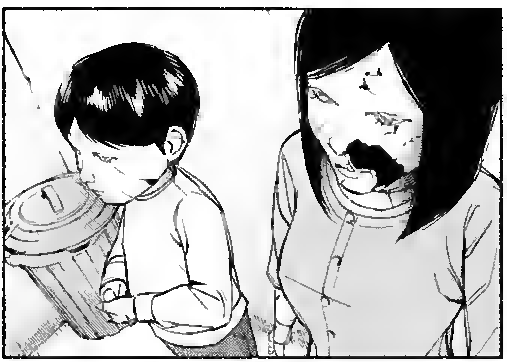

THE BLANK SPACES ARE LETTERS!
WHEN I PUT THE PIECES TOGETHER, THEY FORMED A SIMPLE SHAPE.


パスワードの入力
認証エラー
THE PASSWORD YOU HAVE ENTERED IS INCORRE
BUT "T" IS NOT THE KEY!
STU
GRAB
THOSE HIDDEN LETTERS MUST SPELL OUT A WORD.
THERE'S STILL MORE HIDDEN IN THE BLANK SPACES...
FIVE OR SIX ALTOGETHER IF I HAD TO GUESS.
CLICK
IF I ARRANGE THEM IN THE CORRECT ORDER...
WHATEVER IT IS, IT'S RIGHT HERE!
THE DOOR IS PASSWORD LOCKED
DOES THE PASSWORD END WITH THE LETTER "T"...?
TER A PASSWORD.
t
1 あ ABC
2 か DEF
3 さ GHI
4 た JKL
5 な MNO
6 は PQR
7 ま STU
8 や VWX
9 ら YZ
Enter
わ
カタカナ

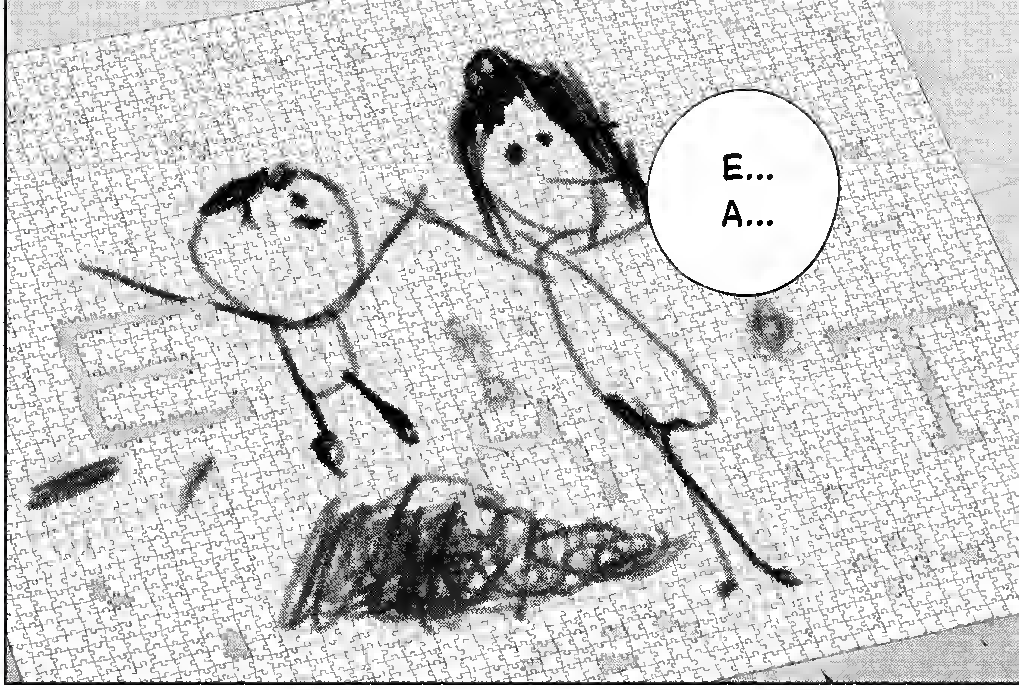
Finish the puzzle.
Right now that's all I should be focusing on...!

RUMBLE
HOLE





It sure doesn't...
This awful weather just doesn't let up.
出さな
ください。
RUMBLE
ゴロゴロ
TINK
チャ
TINK
チャ



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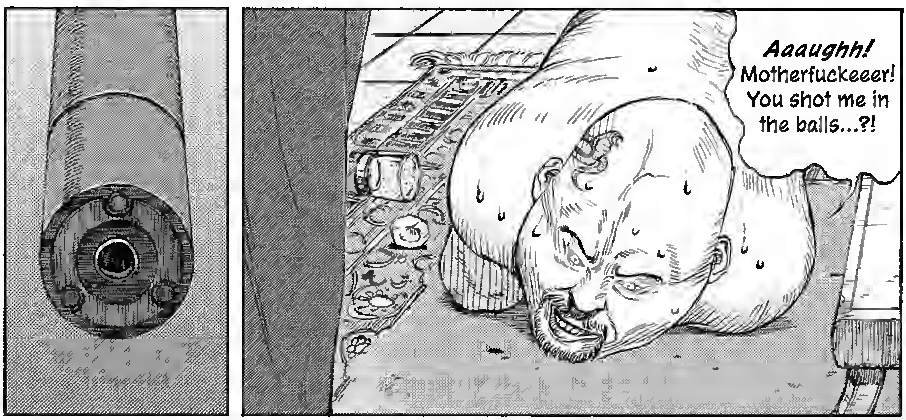
GIRL AND KILLER

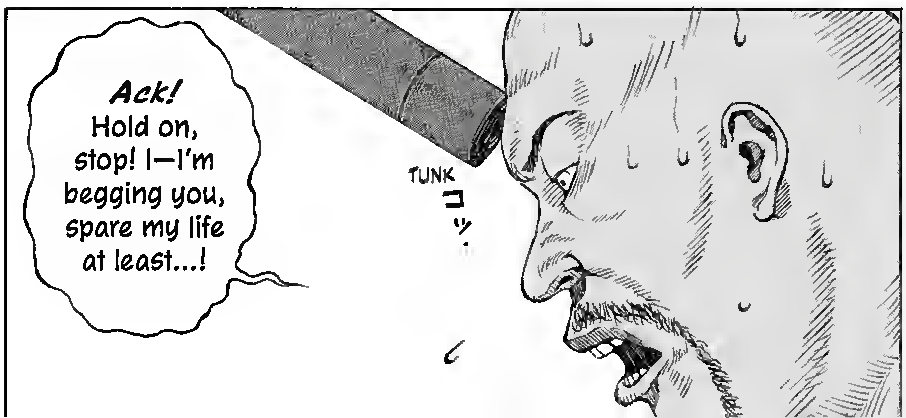
PRESENTED BY 巴亮介

◆ Tetsuya Chiba-sensei's Commentary

The way he draws people is unique. The backgrounds, the pacing of panels, and the trick of using the same scene twice to show what happens before and after is splendid. He's a writer with the capacity to get you to read his work in one sitting. In the final scene, when the protagonist restores the "Girl's" hope by reminding her for her name, seeing him break away from his previously listless expression was cool in itself.

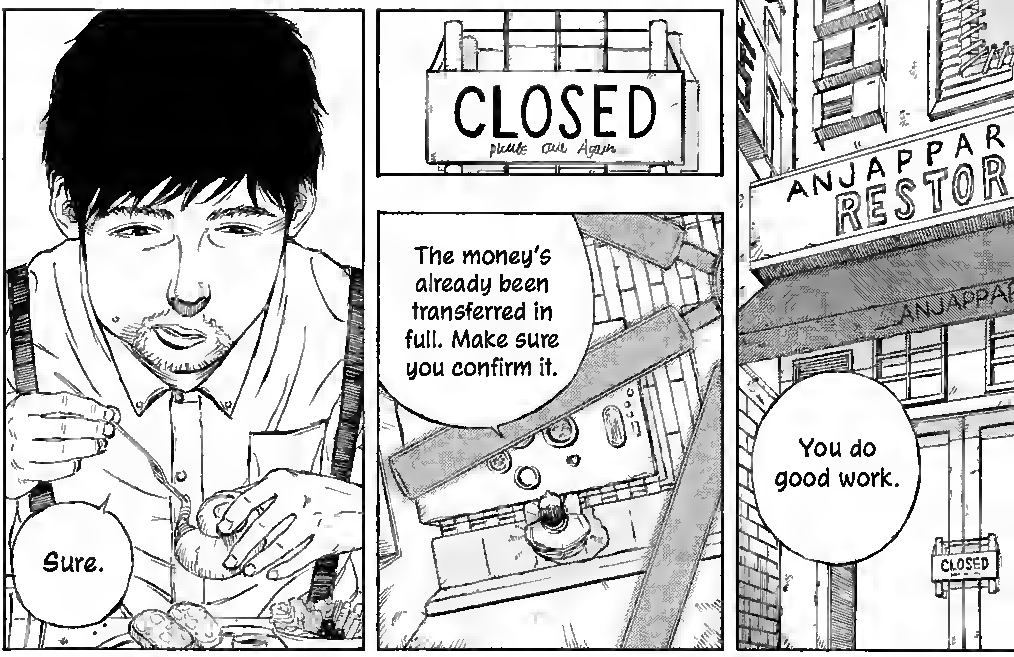
GIRL AND KILLER

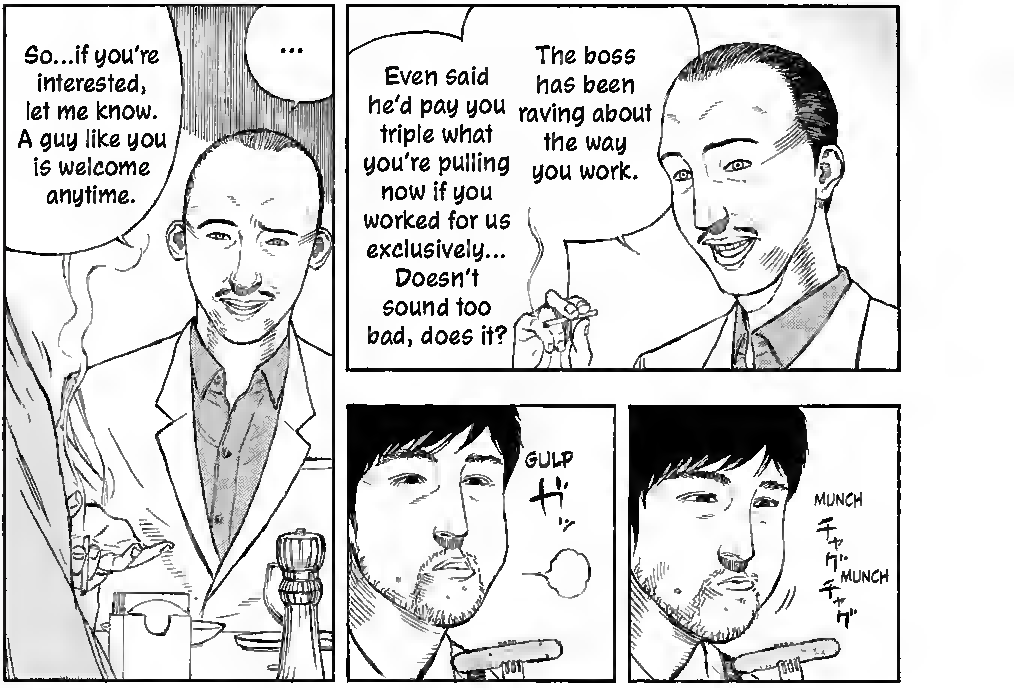




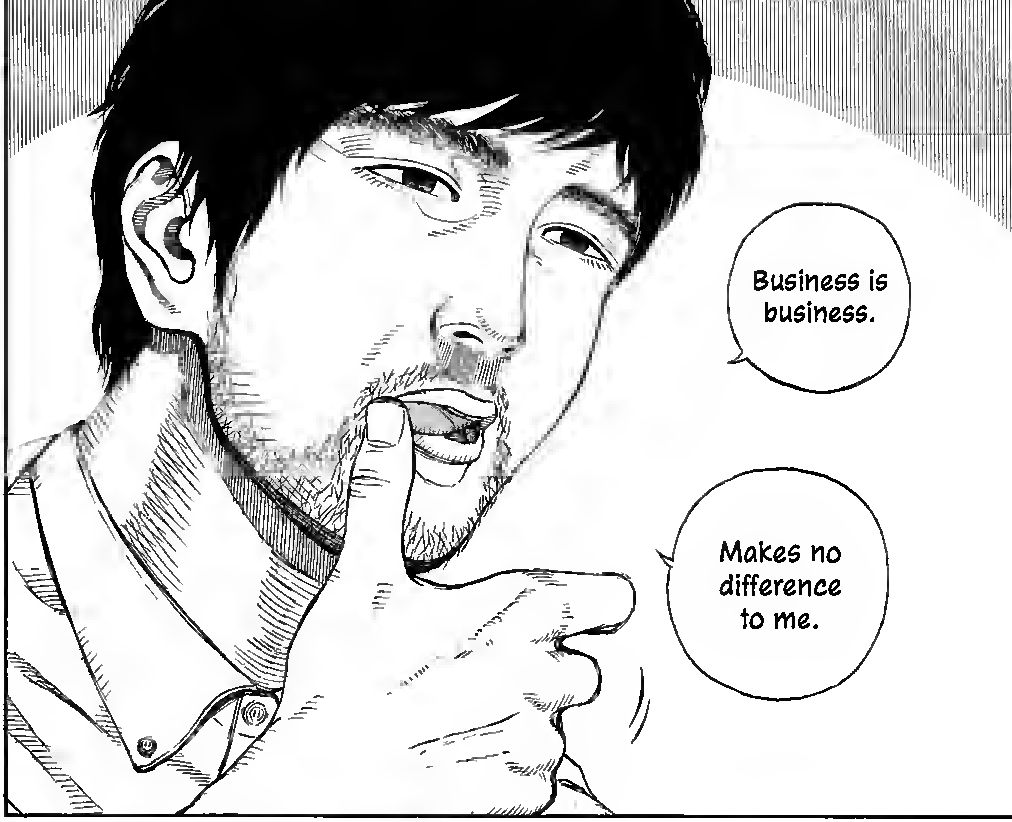
I got one thing to ask you.
GIRL AND KILLER

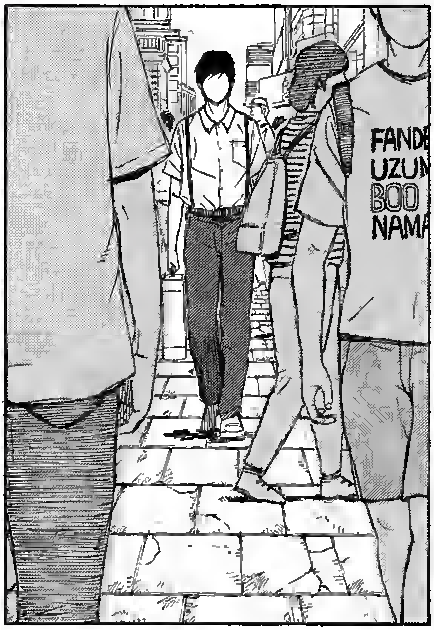
RULE OF THUMB, I DON'T GET INVOLVED.
GOOD PEOPLE. BAD PEOPLE.
COULD BE A LOVER. COULD BE FAMILY.
CALMLY... SWIFTLY...
...AND SURELY.
FWUP
I TAKE A LIFE.
ONE MILLION FOR ONE PERSON.
DOUBLE THE COST TO MAKE IT SLOW AND PAINFUL.

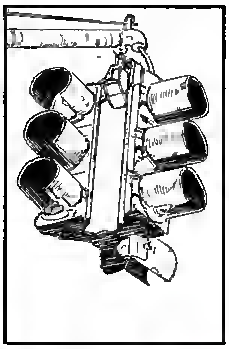

Sure.
CLOSED
Please call Again
The money's already been transferred in full. Make sure you confirm it.
ANJAPPAR
RESTOR
ANJAPPAR
You do good work.
CLOSED

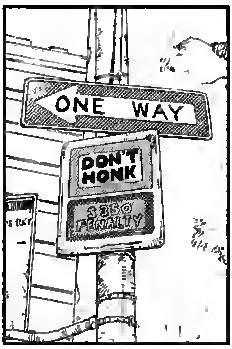

So...if you're interested, let me know. A guy like you is welcome anytime.
...
Even said he'd pay you triple what you're pulling now if you worked for us exclusively... Doesn't sound too bad, does it?
The boss has been raving about the way you work.
GULP
MUNCH
MUNCH

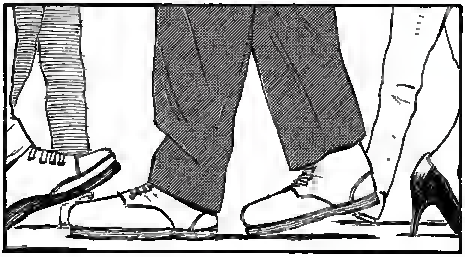
For what they call the worst economic recession of the century, the commissions just keep coming huh?
Hah. Yeah, I'm pretty swamped.
SLIDE
And there's this.
SRIK
SRIK
Sorry for giving you jobs back to back, but you'll say yes, right?
CHUG
CHUG
CHUG
CLINK
BELCH
The target is a member of the Diet...this man. He's planning an address today at 2 PM, at the Chuo Park in Old Yokohama fifth Ward.
There's a cluster of abandoned buildings about a kilometer from the park with a sweeping view of the area. Our group owns them, so feel free to use one.


Business is business.
Makes no difference to me.



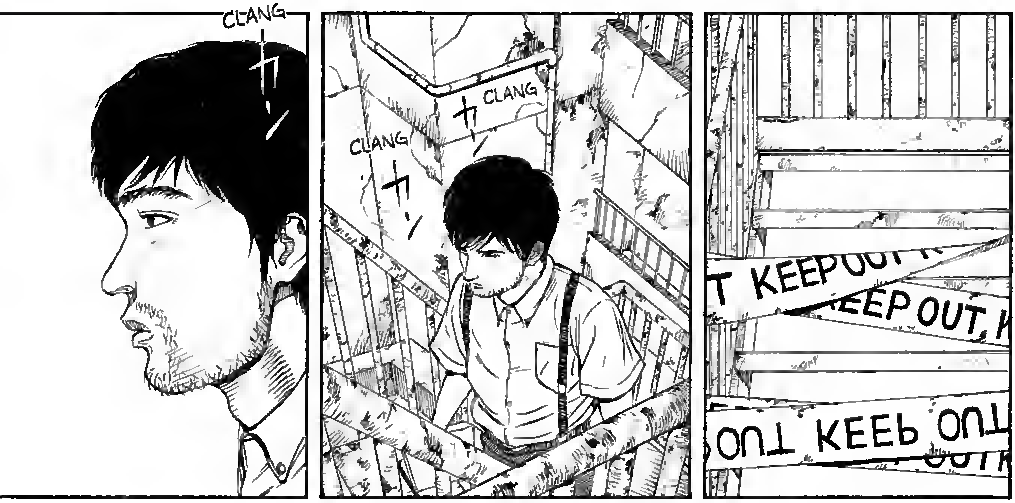



ONE WAY
DON'T HONK
$250 PENALTY



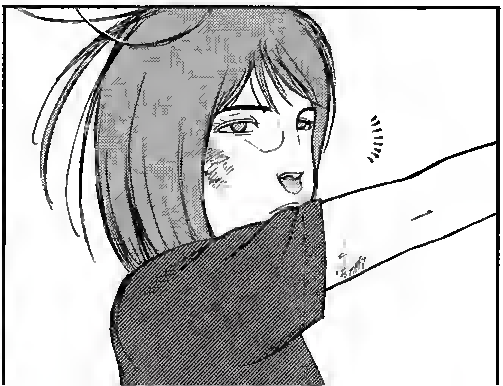
HSCB

THE SMASH HIT M
CLANG
CLANG


CLANG
CLANG
CLANG
KEEP OUT

I'm airing out my crotch.
...That's what I wanna ask.
The hell are you doing?

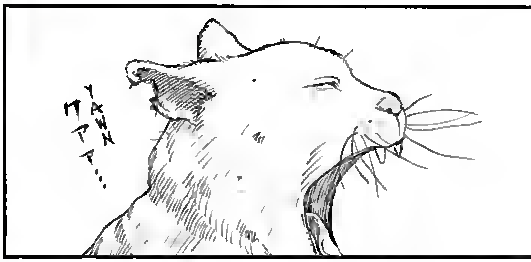
The hell are you doing?

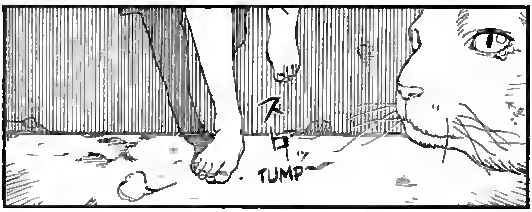


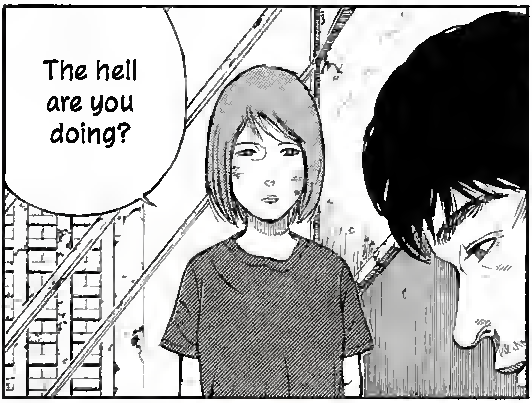
I'm airing out my crotch.
... That's what I wanna ask.

I've got work to do here. Be a good girl and run along home.

...


ヤワン
ワアア…


TUMP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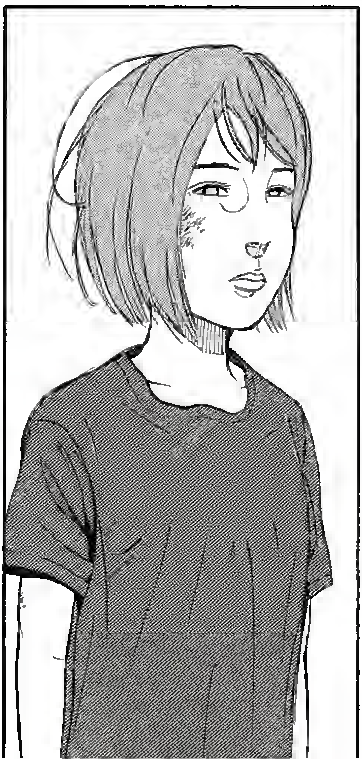
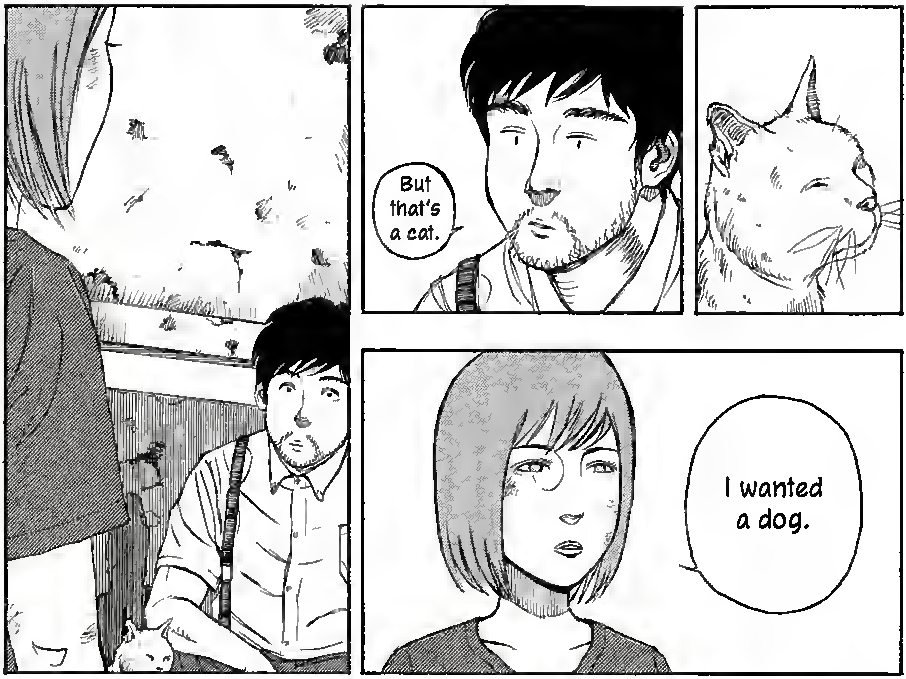


You waiting for something?
Better for you if you don't know.
That's my friend... I call it Dog.
You got a name?
Nothing good comes of hanging around me.
I told you to leave.
Meow.


But that's a cat.
I wanted a dog.

What's yours?
Ishikawa...
HEH.
カチャ
CLATTER

I'm...
...
Me?
Girl.

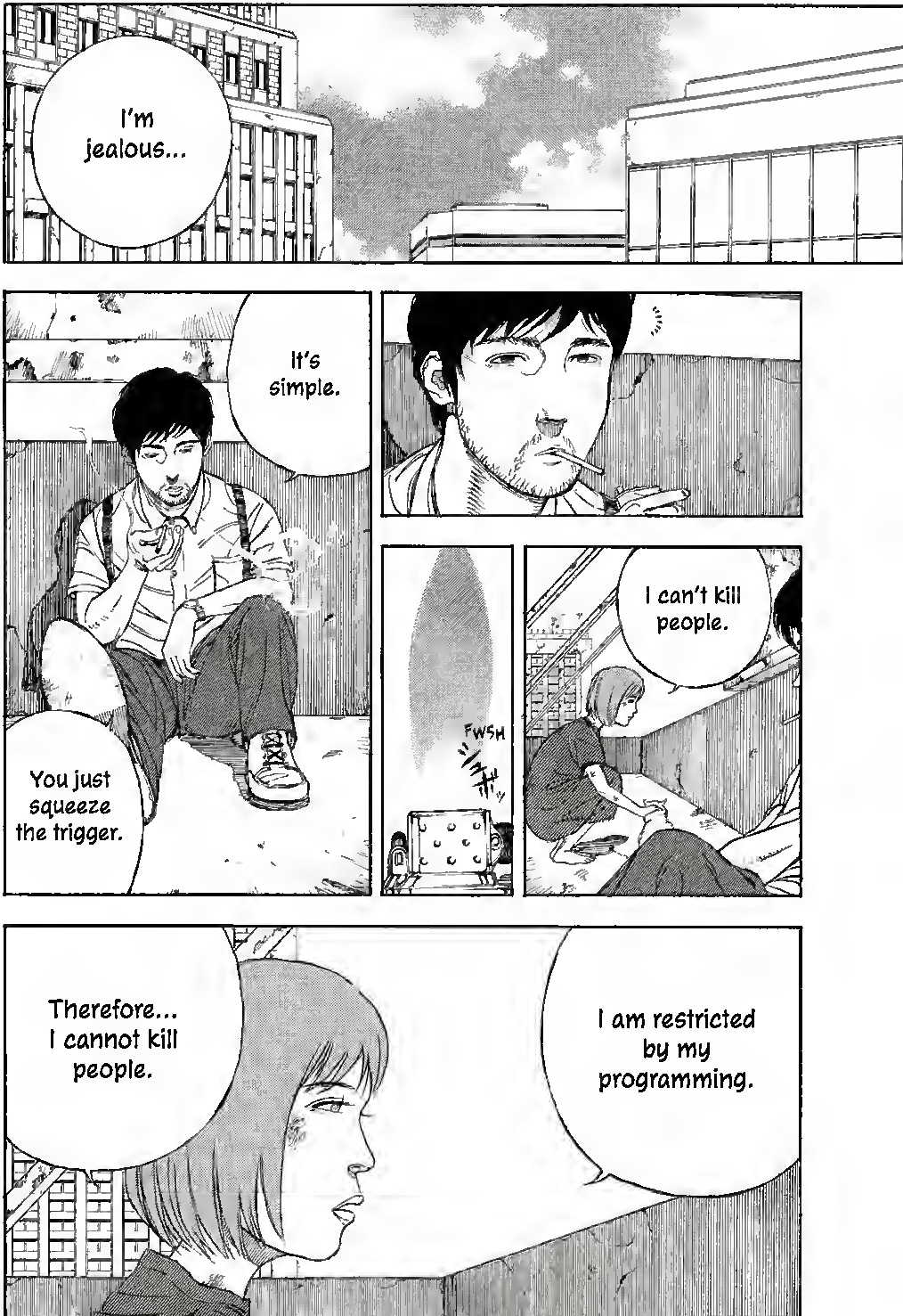
Girl...?

...

That's what I call myself...
I lost my name.

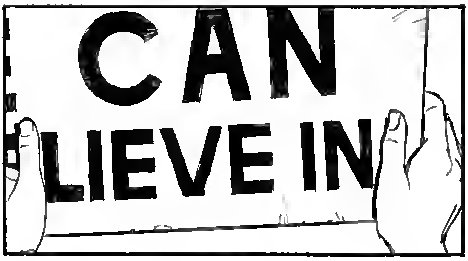
Hah. That a fact...?
CLACK
スチャ

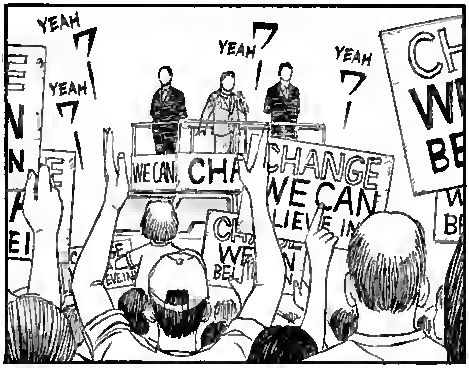
コト…
PUNK
Yep.
What's that?
CLICK
Do you... kill people with that?
CLICK
That's my job.
NEW
WING STUPID

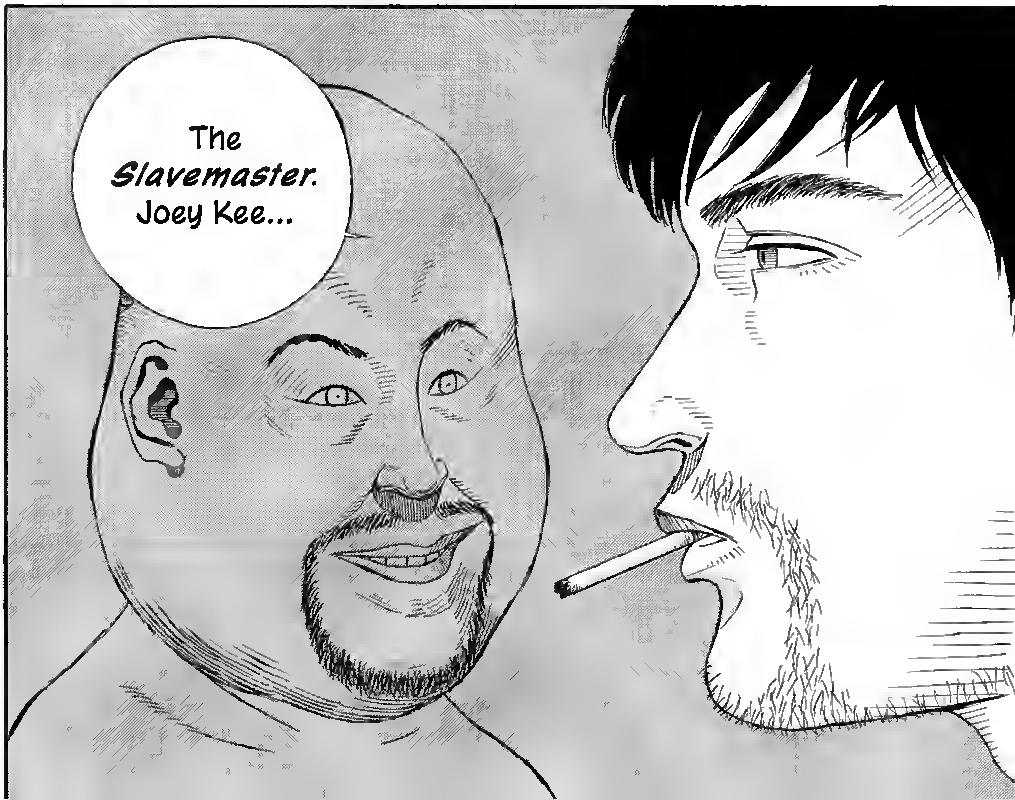

I'm jealous...
It's simple.
You just squeeze the trigger.
FWSH
I can't kill people.
Therefore... I cannot kill people.
I am restricted by my programming.

I am roughly 30% machine. The rest is human.
You... are you an android?
Was it an accident?
A hobby.
Hobby?
The man who bought me made adjustments to my brain and genitals *for further enjoyment.*

Therefore, let us begin a new era with our great country at the center of the world...


CAN
LIEVE IN

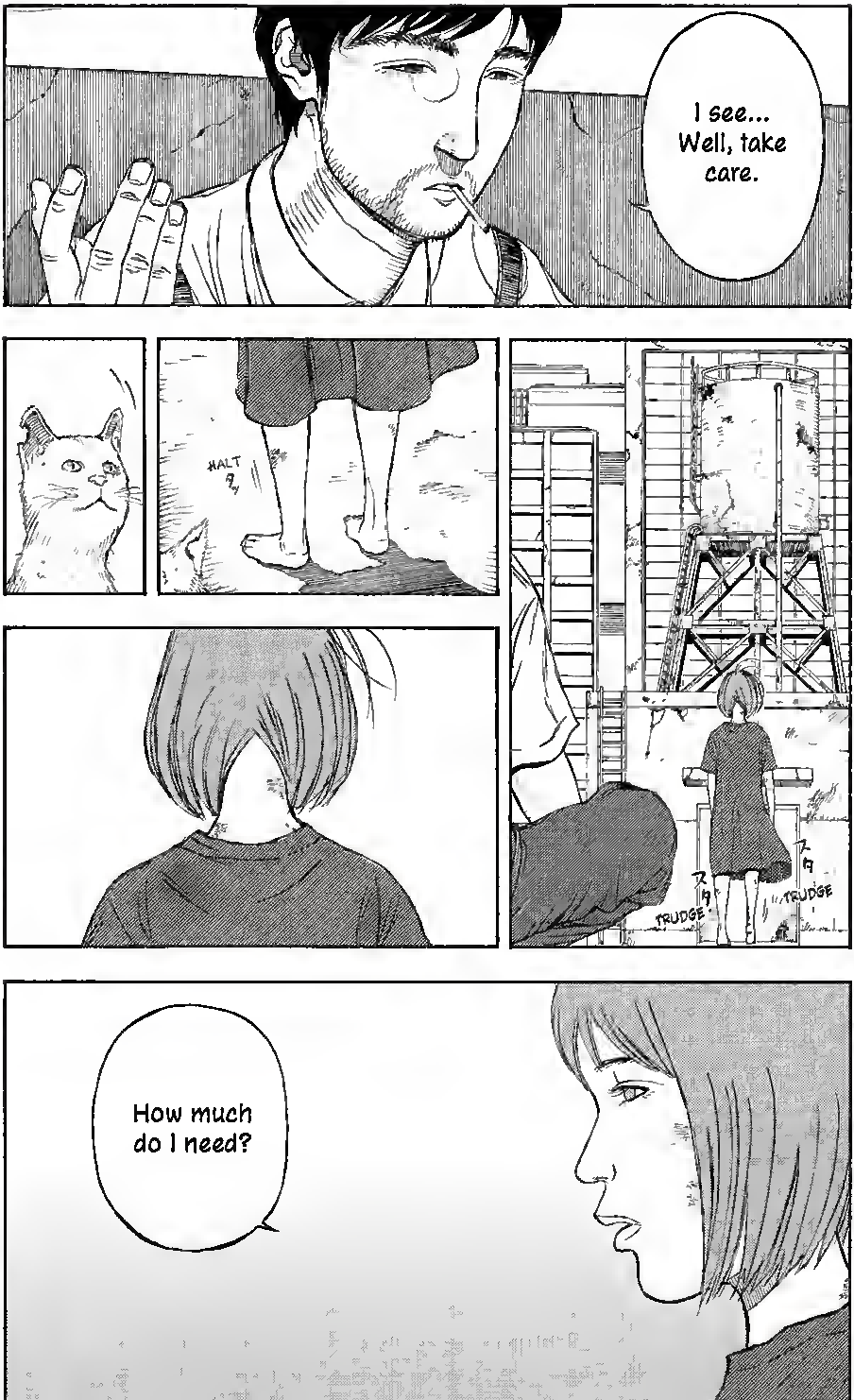

YEAH
YEAH
YEAH
YEAH
WE CAN
CHANGE


The
Slavemaster.
Joey Kee...

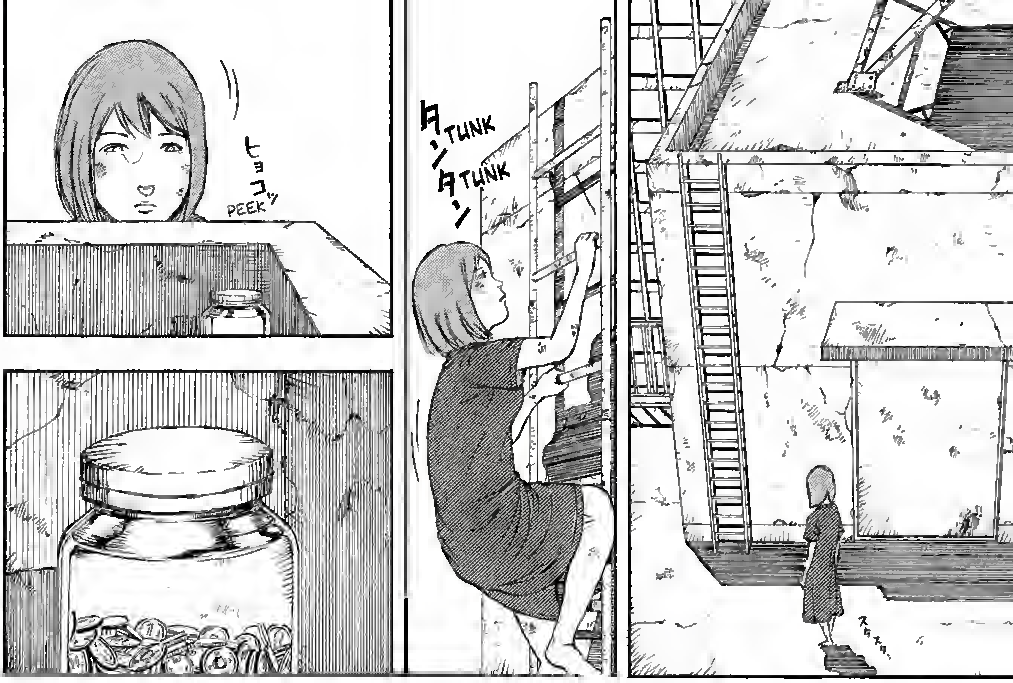
SWIVLE
ゴト…
!
I'm right, aren't I?
CHANGE
To sate his lust and desire for power.
He tweaks the brain to produce obedience.

CHANGE
ACK-!
KA-
POW

He's a big name in my world.
You're well informed.
The man who rose straight to the top of the slave trade...
A guy with a with hobby like that couldn't be anyone but him...
You leaving?
Yeah. If I'm late, he beats me.
BEEP BEEP BEEP
...That so?
BEEP BEEP BEEP
Come.
BEEP


I see... Well, take care.
HALT
TRUDGE
TRUDGE
How much do I need?

How much for one person?
More than a kid can pay with her allowance.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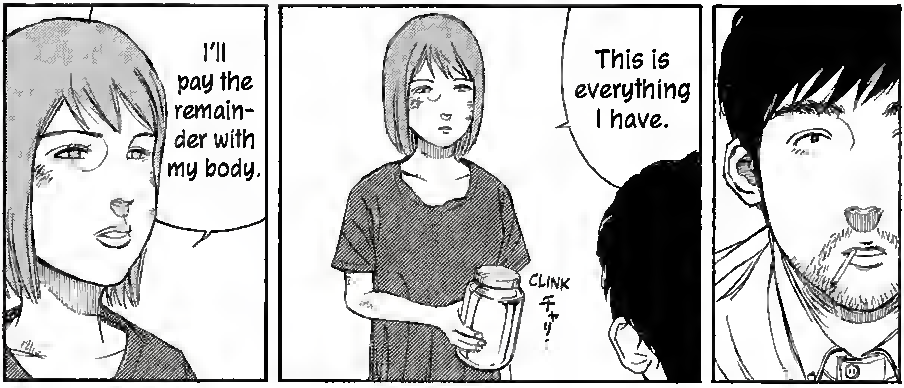
I'll pay the remainder with my body.
This is everything I have.
CLINK
チャリ

It's me.
For that guy?
Quit joking around.

I won't take up much more of your time.
Just do it here and now. Shoot me right in the head. That will do.
You telling me to kill you...?
...
Not even myself...
I cannot kill people.

MY PARENTS DIED WHEN I WAS YOUNG.
HAVING NO RELATIVES, I WAS AUCTIONED OFF.
They say everyone is alive for a reason.
UNABLE TO FIGHT BACK, AND UNABLE TO DIE. RAPED AND BEATEN DAY AFTER DAY.
I WAS BOUGHT SHORTLY AFTER I WAS RECONFIGURED.
AT ONE POINT I CAME TO REALIZE...
I HAD EVEN FORGOTTEN HOW TO SMILE. HOW TO CRY.
AND STRIPPED OF MY FREE WILL.

Lately I've been thinking...
That maybe I've been a machine all along.
Today was the same as yesterday.
Tomorrow will be the same as today.

My life has no meaning to be found.
I've had enough.
Please end it.
CRUMBLE
My life...

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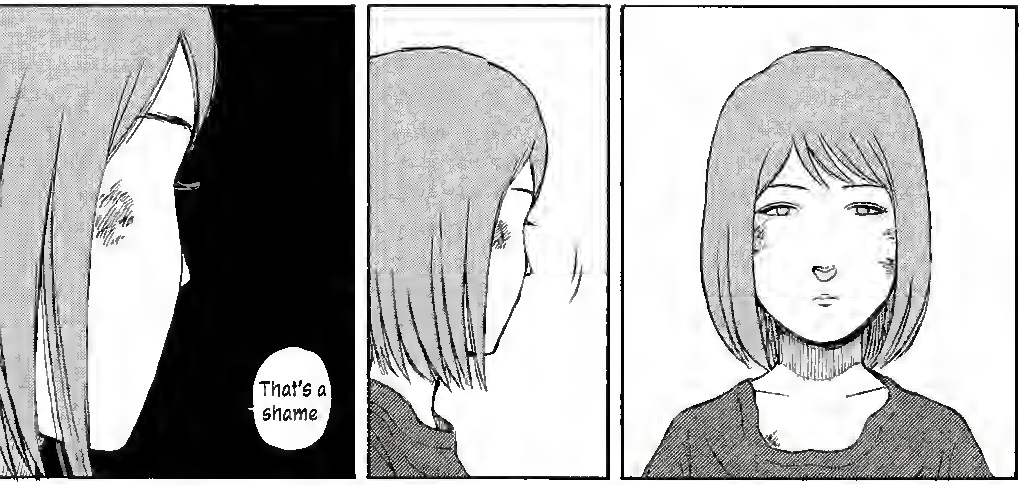
My life has no meaning to be found.

Unfortunately...
As a rule I don't kill women or children.


That's a shame

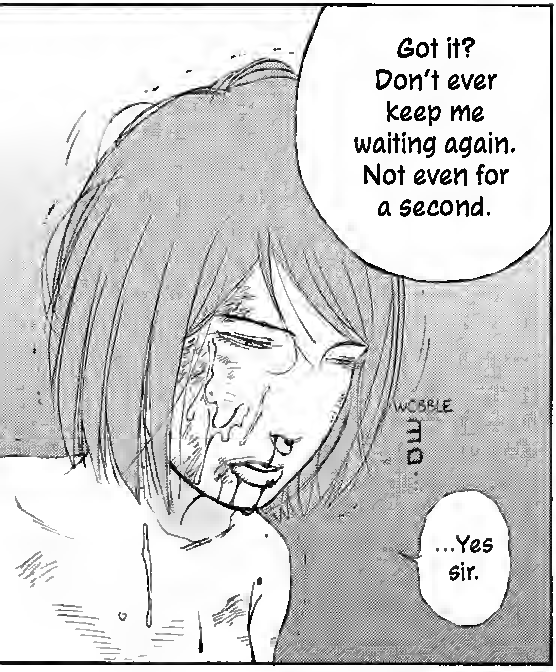
MASSAGE
中國足療
TEL
16F
HOTEL

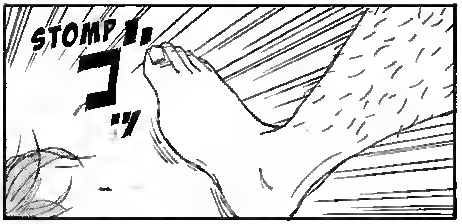
SLAM

Man, you're as cold as ever.
What do you want?
Quit wasting my time.
LEAVIN' IT TO YOU WAS THE RIGHT IDEA!
I EXPECTED NOTHING LESS.
EVERY TIME YOU CHANGE THE CHANNEL, HAHAHA! THE SNIPER CASE IS ALL THEY CAN TALK ABOUT!
He wants to take this opportunity to meet you if he can.
What was it... Actually, the boss is plannin' on showing his face here tonight.

No.
Is that all you have to say?
I refuse.
What the hell? Aren't you being cold? If you meet face to face, you never know what kind of offer will land in your lap, you know?
Unless you got another job lined up?

Just an errand.


Got it? Don't ever keep me waiting again. Not even for a second.
WOBBLE
...Yes sir.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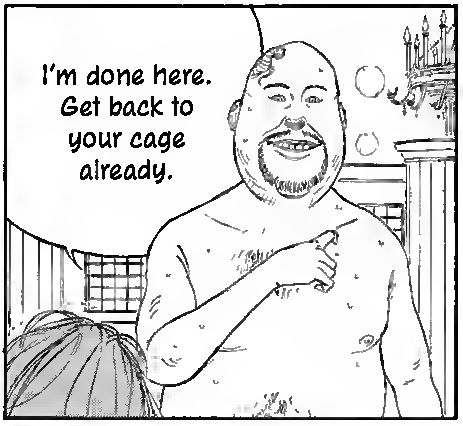
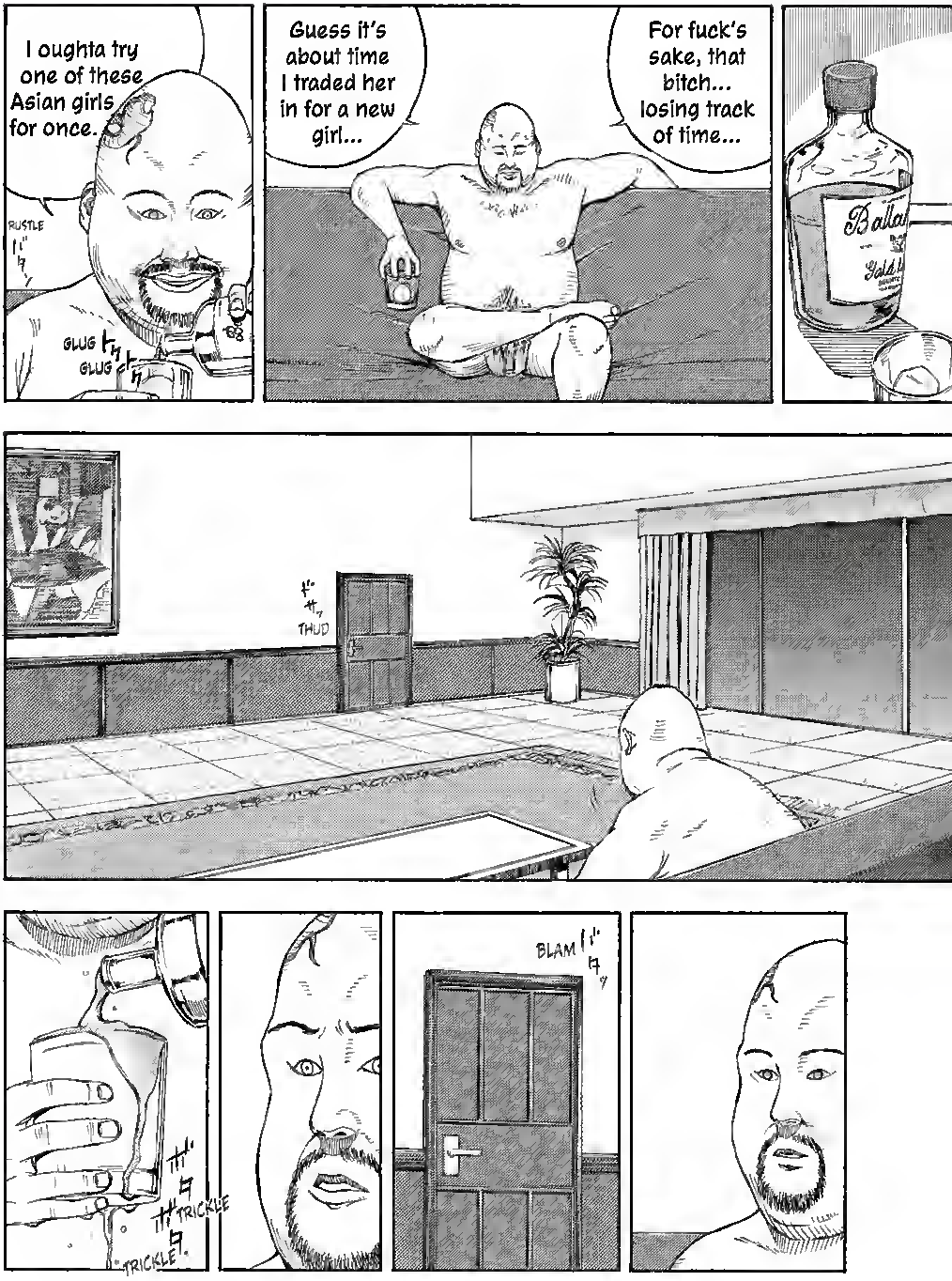
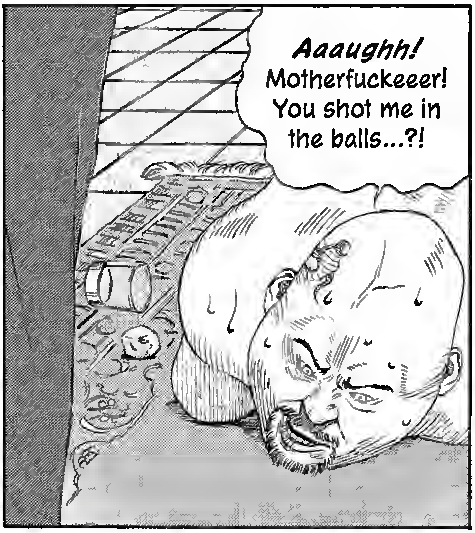
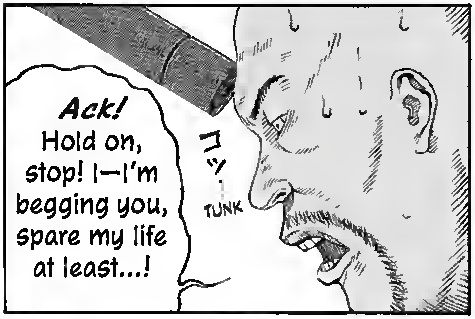

I'm done here. Get back to your cage already.


I oughta try one of these Asian girls for once.
RUSTLE
GLUG
GLUG
Guess it's about time I traded her in for a new girl...
For fuck's sake, that bitch... losing track of time...
THUD
TRICKLE
TRICKLE
BLAM

W-w-who the fuck are you?!
WHAM
Agh!
JERK
Somebody get in here! Intruder!
Any-body!
Just, just hold on! What is it, dammit?!
M-m-money ?!
Wait! Calm down, let's talk!
What's your business ?!
Wai-
FWUP


Aaaughh!
Motherfuckeeer!
You shot me in the balls...?!


Ack!
Hold on, stop! I—I'm begging you, spare my life at least...!
ﾌﾞﾁｯ
TUNK

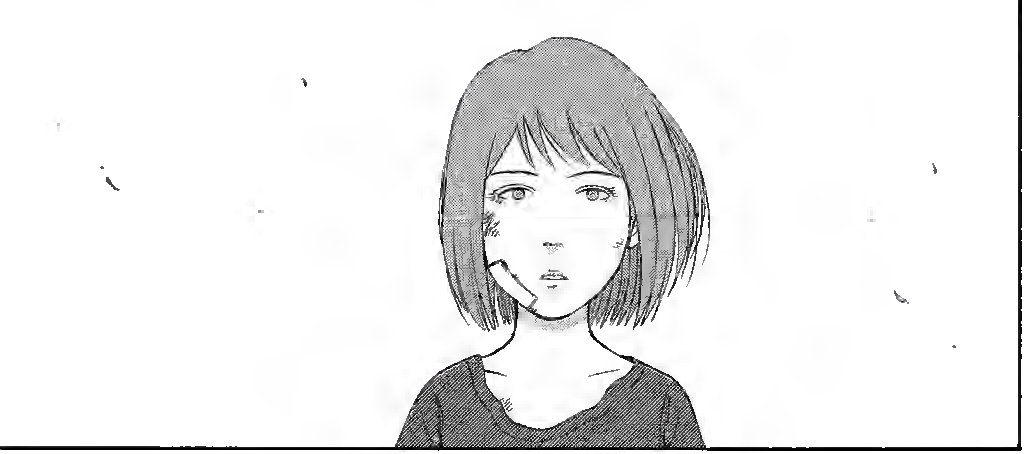
I got one thing to ask you.

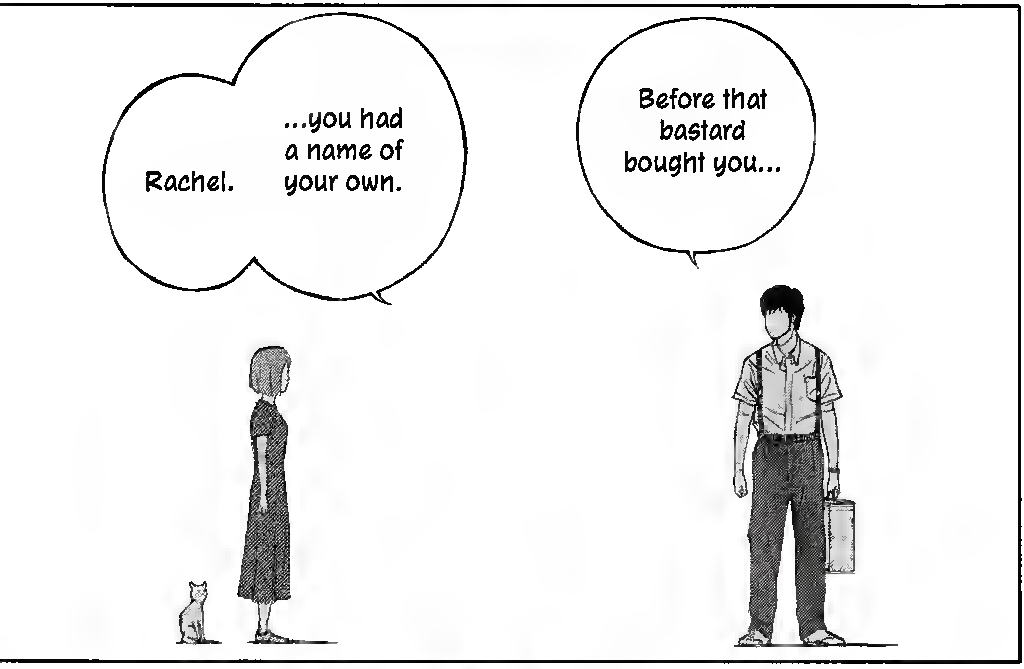
KA-
CHAK
ガチャ…

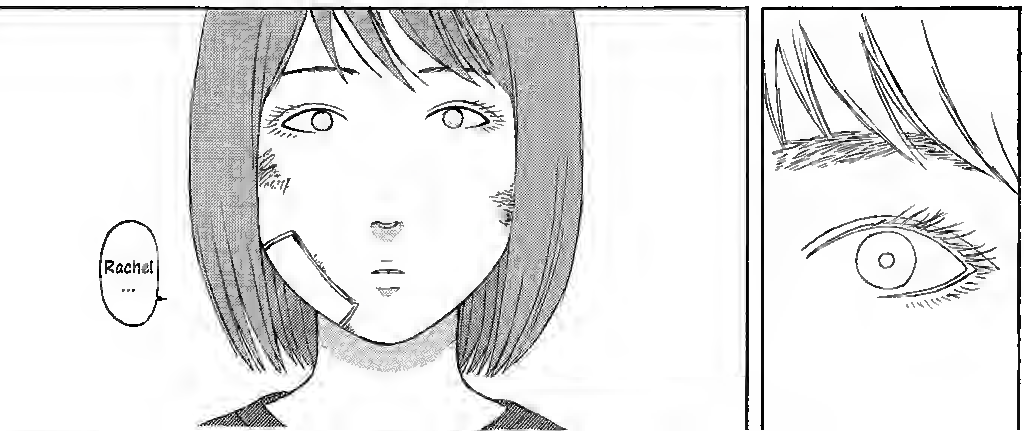
Subwu
HON
Make your way here.
I've got an old friend who can help you get rid of the programming in your head.
Why...?
Why did you help me?

I've been killing people so long, at some point I forgot how to feel anything... as if I were a machine.
I've had the same thought as you.
I thought saving you...
...might bring me a little closer to being human.

Rachel.
...
I see...
Well,
see ya.
Oh.




Rachel.
...you had a name of your own.
Before that bastard bought you...


Rachel ...

My name is...
...Rachel.
Aaah... I see.
TWITCH
Don't you dare lose it.
Thank you.

YMKC
The serial killer is laughing in the rain.
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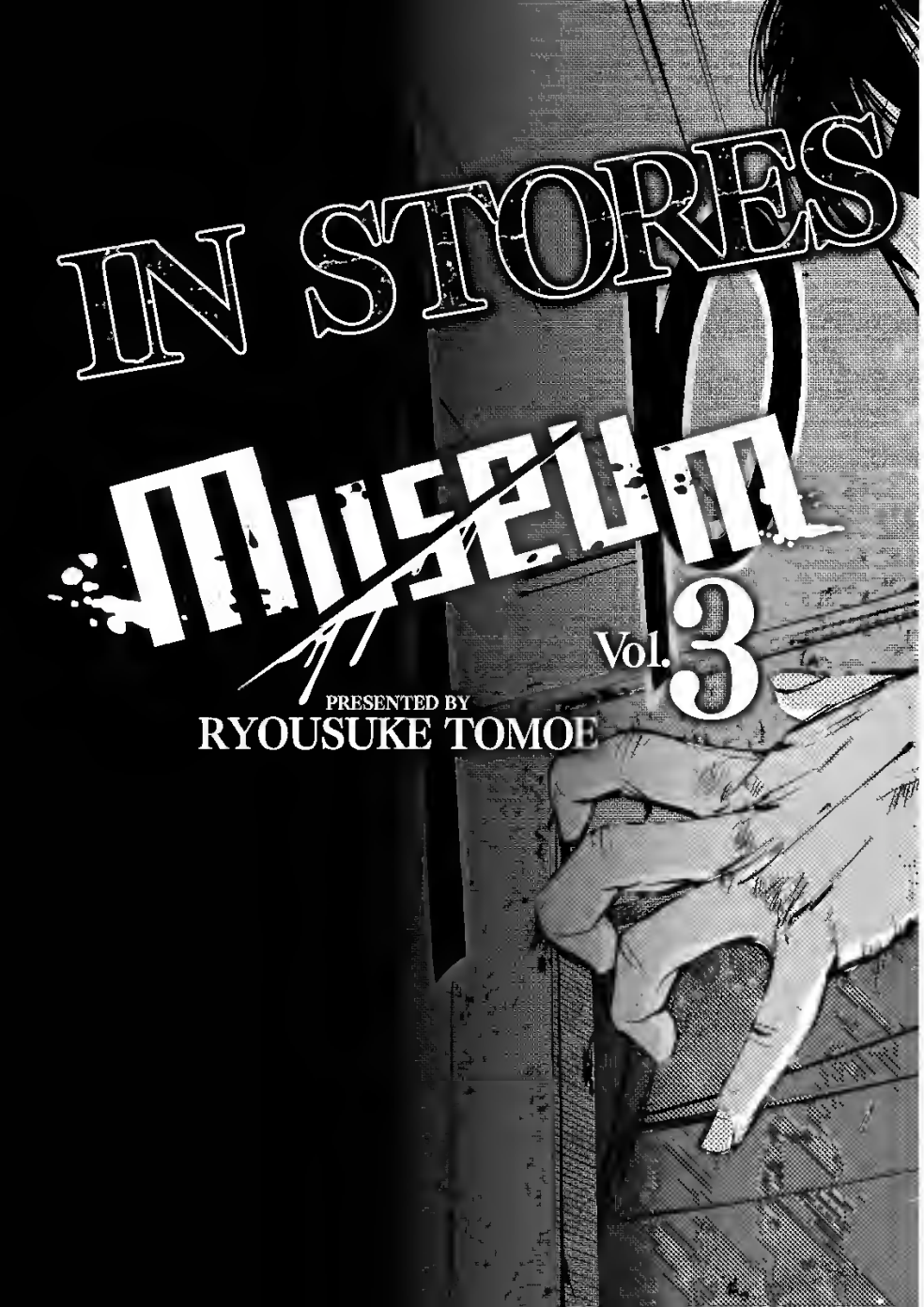
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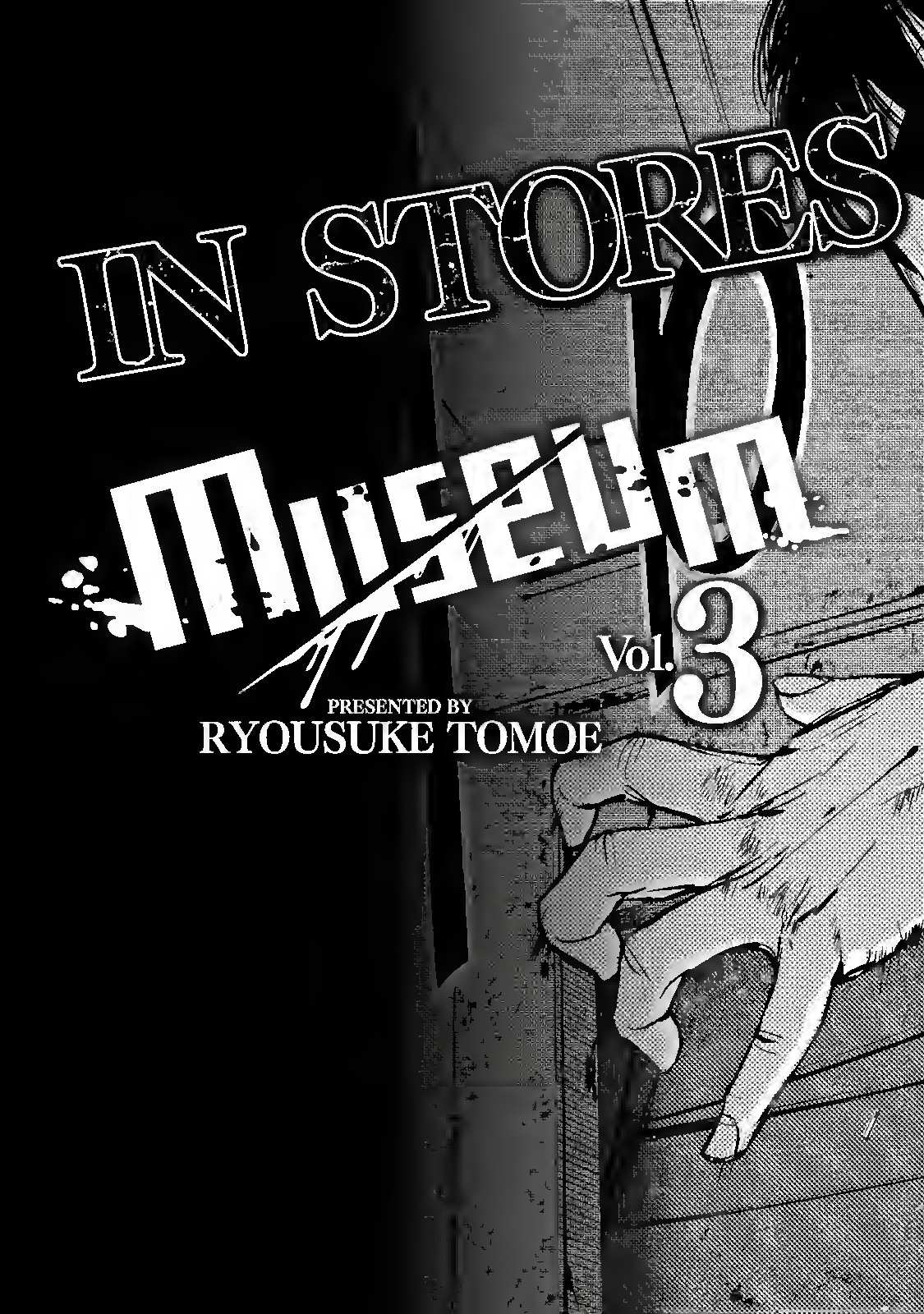
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